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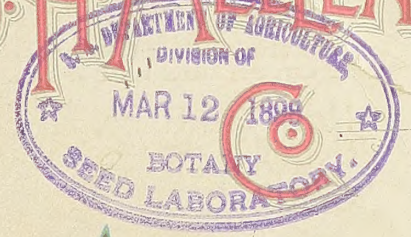


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# A Royal Trio of Roses.

**EMPRESS AUGUSTA VICTORIA, The Best White Rose in the World.**  
**MAMAN COCHET, The Queen of Pinks.**  
**TRIUMPH DE PERNET PIERRE, The Pride of France.**

These three royal Roses are handsomely illustrated from nature on our first page of cover, and below we give a complete description:

## New Tea Rose, **EMPRESS AUGUSTA VICTORIA.**

This beautiful Rose has not only a royal name, but is a royal Rose as well. We have white Roses that have elegant buds, but when full blown are not all that is desired. Then again, we have white Roses that are elegant when full blown, but have poor buds. This Rose combines both these good qualities. It is a continuous bloomer, producing successive crops of buds and flowers in the greatest profusion; the buds are very beautifully formed, with large petals of best substance; shows no center when fully open; color pure snowy-white; and when you add a rich perfume, coupled with a vigorous growth, what more could you ask? This Rose is an easy winner over all competitors in its color, and we predict that more of it will be planted than all other white Roses combined. We have tested it thoroughly. **Price, 20 cents each; large two-year-old plants, 40 cents each.**

## New Tea Rose, **MAMAN COCHET.**

This Rose attracted our attention from the very first time we saw it in flower. It comes from France—the country that has produced nearly all of our best Roses. We are not alone in our admiration of it, as all the visitors to our establishment the past season have been unstinted in its praise. It is a vigorous grower, with beautiful foliage. In bud it resembles the Mermet family, being long and shapely, borne on long, stiff stems. You can get an idea of the exquisite flower from the lithograph. It is of the largest size, and, as you will notice, the flower is built up or rounded, and very double. The color is a deep rose-pink, the inner side of the petals being a silver-rose, shaded and touched with golden-yellow. We pronounce this the finest Rose by far that has been introduced from France in the past five years. We can, with full confidence, recommend this Rose. **Price, 20 cents each; large two-year-old plants, 40 cents.**

## New Hybrid Tea Rose, **TRIUMPH DE PERNET PIERRE.**

Originated and sent out by Jean Pernet, one of the most celebrated rose growers of France, who has already given us some very beautiful Roses, but considers this the triumph of his life, (the name translated would read, "Triumph of Father Pernet,") and besides his endorsement it has received the commendation of the highest European authorities, and as far as we can judge it is well worthy of them, and promises to be one of the very finest of the Hybrid Tea class. The flowers are extra large, having broad, thick petals, and long, tapering buds, with delicious Tea fragrance. Color a fine, clear magenta red, passing to a bright crimson. Very striking and beautiful, and of such good substance that the flowers retain their beauty for a long time. Very brilliant and beautiful. **Price, 20c. each; large two-year-old, 40c. each.**

**SPECIAL OFFER—For 50 cents we will send, postpaid, one set of the Royal Trio; Three sets for \$1.25. Two-year-old, one set for \$1.00; three sets for \$2.50.**

# Three Chrysanthemum Gems.

**FISHERS' TORCH, Heads the Procession.**

**GOLDEN WEDDING, The Great Prize Winner.**

**HER MAJESTY, The Queen of Chrysanthemums.**

**ALL ILLUSTRATED FROM NATURE ON LAST PAGE OF COVER.**

## **FISHERS' TORCH.**

This variety excels in its color as Golden Wedding does in yellow; the color is a bright red passing to the richest velvety crimson, the flame-like flower borne at the end of the long stiff stem gives it the appearance of a flaming brand, hence the name, "Fishers' Torch." This Chrysanthemum is this year offered for the first time and we can recommend it as a perfect gem. **Price, 25 cents.**

## **GOLDEN WEDDING.**

This is the grand golden yellow variety shown on fourth page of cover. Nothing can exceed the richness of its color; it is unrivaled in this respect. It is a remarkably vigorous grower, and has such strength of stem that it carries its great globular flowers erect, giving it a bold majestic appearance. The form of Golden Wedding is unique; the outer petals droop downward in picturesque irregularity, the center of the flower is built high, with broad petals irregularly overlaid, so that, although the flowers are so large, they are not heavy, solid-looking, like many others. For this reason alone, it will, no doubt, supercede all other yellow varieties with the public. **Price, 25 cents each.**

## **HER MAJESTY.**

Offered this year to the public for the first time. It is a pearl-colored sport from the celebrated Chrysanthemum, Mrs. E. G. Hill—eclipsing in grandeur that beautiful variety. The petals are broad and of good substance, flower large, carried on a strong stiff stem—a good grower. Its keeping qualities are wonderful. All that can be desired as a cut flower. We know of no variety that will compare with it in purity and brightness of tone, while in size and general make-up it is as good as the best. **Price, 25 cents.**

**SPECIAL OFFER—The set of 3 Chrysanthemum Gems sent postpaid for 50 cents; 3 sets for \$1.25.**



Its size is 17x24 ins., and shows a beautiful collection of richly colored fruits. Price 25 cents. If you will enclose 10 cents to pay postage and packing, will send post-paid, FREE.

**10  
CENTS**

**Exquisite  
Fruit  
Painting**

*for the dining-  
room.*

## Field-Grown Hardy Dormant Roses.

TO SATISFY the demand from many customers for Roses that can be planted outside, early in Spring, before it is safe to set out plants that are grown in pots, we offer the following well-known varieties in large two-year-old field grown dormant stock. For full description see large catalogue. **Price, 20 cents each; six for \$1.00, postpaid.**

Augusta Mie;  
Anna Diesbach;  
Blanche Moreau;  
Bruxelles;  
Empress of India;  
Francois Levet;  
Fontanella;  
Glorie de Margottin;

Glory of Lyonnaise;  
Giant of Battles;  
General Jacqueminot;  
John Hopper;  
La Reine;  
Louis Van Houtte;  
Mad. Marie Rady;  
Marshall P. Wilder;

Magna Charta;  
Mad. Masson;  
Pl. L. de Vilmorin;  
Prince Camille de Rohan;  
Plus the IX;  
Rosierista Harms;  
Souv. de Chas. Montault;  
Ulrich Brunner.



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***We Guarantee the Safe Arrival of All Plants in Good Growing Condition.***

Quantity.	NAMES OF PLANTS, BULBS, SEEDS, ETC., WANTED.	Price.
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# To Friends and Patrons.

The thousands of kind, unsolicited testimonials received from our customers during the year just closed convinces us that we have succeeded in pleasing (without a single exception, so far as we know) **everyone** who has entrusted us with an order.

We do not offer anything in our Catalogue that is worthless or disappointing, and any variety of Seeds or Plants mentioned on its pages may be depended on as something **honest, genuine and of real value.**

We promise you the finest stock that can be grown, the largest assortment and the best service. Select what you want, send us the order, and we will pack the goods securely and guarantee them to reach you safely and promptly. No matter whether you live in Maine, California, Texas, or any other part of this great country we warrant them to reach you in perfect condition.

**Recent large additions have made our facilities for the prompt filling and packing of all orders unexcelled by any greenhouses in this country. Remember this when you are in a hurry for plants.**

Trusting to be favored with further orders, and assuring you of careful personal attention,  
we are, very respectfully,

.. PROPRIETORS OF ..

The Old-Established Innisfallen Greenhouses.

## The Geo. H. Mellen Co.

### Liberal Terms for Club Orders.

Extraordinary Inducements for the Formation of Clubs.

Anyone who has time and does not wish to spare the money, can secure their own Plants without cost, by taking advantage of our Liberal Club Rates given below.

**Notice our Discounts on \$6.00, \$8.00 & \$10.00 Orders.**

### MAIL CLUB RATES.

*Raise a Club and Secure your Plants Free.*

Anyone Sending us \$1.00, may select Plants or Bulbs (at price per single Plant or Bulb) to value of \$1.25.

Anyone Sending us \$2.00, may select Plants or Bulbs, (at price per single Plant or Bulb) to value of \$2.60.

Anyone Sending us \$3.00, may select Plants or Bulbs (at price per single Plant or Bulb) to value of \$4.00.

Anyone Sending us \$4.00, may select Plants or Bulbs (at price per single Plant or Bulb) to value of \$5.50.

Anyone Sending us \$5.00, may select Plants or Bulbs, (at price per single Plant or Bulb) to value of \$7.00.

Anyone Sending us \$6.00, may select Plants or Bulbs, (at price per single Plant or Bulb) to value of \$8.50.

Anyone Sending us \$8.00, may select Plants or Bulbs, (at price per single Plant or Bulb) to value of \$11.50.

Anyone Sending us \$10.00, may select Plants or Bulbs, (at price per single Plant or Bulb) to value of \$15.50.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**—These Mail and Express Club Rates do not apply to Special Offers and collections.

### EXPRESS CLUB RATES.

*We can usually send larger Plants by Express than by Mail, and will include some extras, of our own selection, to help cover charges.*

Anyone Sending us \$2.00, may select Plants or Bulbs, (at price per single Plant or Bulb) to value of \$3.25.

Anyone Sending us \$3.00, may select Plants or Bulbs, (at price per single Plant or Bulb) to value of \$4.50.

Anyone Sending us \$4.00, may select Plants or Bulbs, (at price per single Plant or Bulb) to value of \$6.25.

Anyone Sending us \$5.00, may select Plants or Bulbs, (at price per single Plant or Bulb) to value of \$8.00.

Anyone Sending us \$6.00, may select Plants or Bulbs, (at price per single Plant or Bulb) to value of \$10.00.

Anyone Sending us \$8.00, may select Plants or Bulbs, (at price per single Plant or Bulb) to value of \$13.00.

Anyone Sending us \$10.00, may select Plants or Bulbs, (at price per single Plant or Bulb) to value of \$18.00.

Larger Club Orders will be given the same liberal discount, and we will add largely from our surplus to recompense you for your trouble in getting the Club. **INDIVIDUAL ORDERS** for any of these amounts will be allowed same discounts at club rates.

**How to Send Club Orders.** Keep each person's order separate, giving his or her full name, with the amount of the order. Then make your selection of the amount due you, naming plants desired as your discount, signing your name as the getter-up of the club.

**Remember** that the getter-up of the club is entitled to all discounts. We cannot allow each member of the club to select discounts, etc., and then allow the getter-up of the club to select another discount. We will, however, add

two plants of our selection for each dollar's worth that any one member of your club may send.

**How We Pack Club Orders.** Each person's plants will be packed attached, so you will have nothing to do but to deliver the bundle. If the plants are to go by mail, and you desire them to be sent direct to the person, we will do so when the order amounts to seventy-five cents or more.



# Read this Page Carefully.

**It is of Interest and Importance to All.**

## REMARKS ABOUT ORDERING:

### When Best to Order.

We are fully supplied with fresh seeds and plants, and are well equipped for filling orders immediately when this Catalogue is issued, yet our heaviest rush comes in March and April, and it will greatly relieve this rush if customers will order at as early a date as possible. Do not wait until you are ready to sow or plant. If you do not wish your seeds or plants until some later date, we will get them ready and ship them whenever desired.

### How Best to Order.

By writing out your order on the Order Sheets which accompany this Catalogue, you will greatly facilitate our work. Please write only one variety on a line. Additional Order Sheets will be sent free on application.

### Be Sure to Sign Name and Give Your Address.

Many orders reach us lacking either or both. Customers when writing about unsigned orders will aid us in identification by mentioning some of the articles ordered.

### Remittances

Should be made either in the form of P. O. Money Order, Bank Draft, Express Money Order, or Registered Letter. Remittances in any other way are entirely at the sender's risk. When money is sent as above indicated we will send a plant or seeds of your selection, to amount of cost of money order, etc., if amount sent is \$1.00 or more.

UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS will be received if currency cannot be obtained; 3, 5 and 10 cent stamps preferred.

### Our Seed and Plant Departments

Are entirely separate. Often the seeds or plants on a combined order may be sent twenty-four to forty-eight hours before balance of order is filled. If only one part of order is received, please wait two or three days for the balance before writing us.

### We Pack all Plants Carefully

In strong wooden boxes, which insures their safe transit through the mails to the remotest parts of the country.

### Size of Orders.

Orders for plants of any amount will be gladly filled, but the expense of packing is such that orders for less than fifty cents worth of plants must be accompanied by ten cents to pay cost of boxes and packing. (The postage on a ten cent plant order is nearly as much as on a fifty cent order).

### Free by Mail.

We send Seeds, Bulbs and Plants free by mail, at the prices named in this Catalogue. This brings them to the very doors of our customers without trouble or expense.

### By Express.

If a package is ordered to go by express, we do not pay the charges; but somewhat larger plants, shrubs and fruits can be sent in this way and we always add extra ones, enough to more than pay the cost. All the large express companies, by special arrangements, carry our goods at very low rates.

### We Fill all Orders as Soon as Received

If the stock is ready. Customers who wish their order, or any part of it, booked for shipping at a later date, should state the fact distinctly.

### We Guarantee

That every package we send out shall reach its destination in good condition. If a package is lost, or any of its contents injured on the way, we will send again.

To Canada, Mexico, Hawaii, most of the countries of South and Central America, and the West India Islands, we can send goods in large parcels by mail, postpaid. We can ship to other foreign countries by mail only in 8 or 12 ounce packages.

### Lost Orders.

It occasionally happens that an order is lost in coming to us, or the goods in going to the customer; therefore, if any who order do not hear from us within a reasonable length of time, they should send a duplicate order, naming the date on which the former one was sent, and the amount of money enclosed and in what form. This will enable us to investigate the matter and fill the duplicate order with despatch.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

**OUR AIM.** Our desire is to so deal with our customers that they may continue to favor us with their orders in the future. Our aim being to send out none but perfectly healthy plants, true to name and packed securely.

**OUR LOW PRICES.** A careful comparison of our prices with those of reliable growers will show that we offer plants much cheaper than the same grade of stock can be purchased for at any other establishment in the country.

**ALL PLANTS PLAINLY LABELED.** All plants are plainly labeled with a printed label.

**DISTANCE PLANTS WILL CARRY SAFELY.** Judging from past experience, we really think some species would carry safely around the world. We forward live plants without any trouble to the different States of the Union. We have shipped plants even to China, by mail, that were five weeks on the way, and still opened up fresh.

**OUR PLANTS ARE ALL ON THEIR OWN ROOTS,** and as long as any part of the plant remains, it will produce uniformly the same beautiful flower. We grow them slowly to avoid forcing, our particular aim being to have a plant small enough to transport through the mail readily without injury, but with the vigor and thrift of much older plants. Consequently on being planted out a thousand miles away, the purchaser is surprised to see the plant suddenly spring forth in a luxuriant growth and blossom.

**WE WISH OUR CUSTOMERS** to remember that it is our determination to please all who deal with us, and we would like to hear from every package we send out. If the purchaser is satisfied, it is pleasant to know it; if not we intend to see that he or she becomes so.

**OUTDOOR PLANTING.** We are often asked as to the best time to plant. Always choose the most favorable time in your locality, and order accordingly. We can send most plants safely when desired. As there are so many degrees of latitude, and such varieties of temperature from various causes, it is impossible to dictate as to the precise time to plant out of doors. Customers must judge of this for themselves, always remembering that it is not safe to plant out until all danger of freezing is passed, and the ground is in warm, mellow condition.

**YOU CAN HAVE THE CHOICEST ROSES,** Geraniums and other plants in our collection as easily and cheaply as though they were grown at your own door, if you remit as above directed, we will take all the risk, and promise to deliver any plants that you may select from our Catalogue by mail, postpaid, and in good growing condition, at your own post office.

**INDEX.** On the third page of cover will be found an alphabetically arranged table of contents. This will greatly assist you in finding any particular plant that you may wish.

Address all Letters, and make Drafts, Money Orders, etc., payable to

**THE GEO. H. MELLEN CO.,**

INNISFALLEN GREENHOUSES.

Springfield, Ohio.



# OUR LIBERAL FIFTY-CENT COLLECTIONS.

PLANTS AND SEEDS AT PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES.

## WE GROW

ONLY THE BEST SORTS OF PLANTS IN LARGE QUANTITY. The kinds below named we can afford to sell at greatly reduced rates, but make one invariable condition, that the selection of varieties must be left entirely to us! These Collections are made up of fine, strong plants of the best varieties. Every plant is plainly labeled, and there are no two varieties in the same collection. When ordering, use the COLLECTION NUMBER ONLY. We cannot make any change in these collections and the Club Rates do not apply to them.

## FOR 50 CENTS, WE WILL SEND, POSTPAID:

- Collection 1.—12 Beautiful Ever-blooming Roses. In this collection we will send the very best varieties and such as will give the best results in your locality.
- Collection 2.—10 Hybrid Perpetual Roses, all colors. The Roses offered in this collection are all perfectly hardy, and will stand the severest winter without protection.
- Collection 3.—3 Distinct Moss Roses, 2 Polyanthas, 2 Climbing Teas and 5 Hardy Climbers.
- Collection 4.—10 White Ever-blooming Roses, for Cemetery Planting.
- Collection 5.—10 Fine Roses, embracing one each of the following named classes: Hybrid Perpetual, Tea, Bengal, Noisette, Hardy Climber, Bourbon, Hybrid Tea, Polyantha, Climbing Tea, and Banksia. We consider this one of the most pleasing collections as it will show the distinct beauty of the different classes of Roses.
- Collection 6.—10 Lovely Carnations—a fine assortment of the newest and best, large, double and sweet.
- Collection 7.—10 Double Flowering Geraniums—all different.
- Collection 8.—10 Single Flowering Geraniums. Profuse bloomers—all different.
- Collection 9.—5 Double and 5 Single Geraniums, in assorted kinds—best varieties.
- Collection 10.—12 Assorted Geraniums—3 Double, 3 Single, 2 Scented, 2 Ivy, 1 Bronze and 1 Silver-leaved.
- Collection 11.—10 Newer Begonias, including the general favorite Begonia Rubra.
- Collection 12.—10 Double and Single Fuchsias—all different.
- Collection 13.—12 Superb Chrysanthemums—all new varieties and different colors.
- Collection 14.—12 Coleus, new and distinct varieties. The beautiful colors displayed in this plant are beyond description.
- Collection 15.—10 Assorted Flowering Plants for pots. Try this collection, it will surprise you.
- Collection 16.—5 Hibiscus and 5 Lantanas—all different colors.
- Collection 17.—5 Heliotropes, 2 Moon Flowers, 1 Cyclamen, 1 Abutilon, and 1 Linum Trigynum.
- Collection 18.—15 Mammoth Verbenas.
- Collection 19.—20 Giant Trimardeau Pansies.
- Collection 20.—12 Double White Pearl Tuberoses.
- Collection 21.—12 Assorted Gladiolus Bulbs. A fine mixture.
- Collection 22.—10 Fine Hardy Plants. All entirely hardy.

Collection 23.—10 Basket or Vase Plants, Trailing Vines and Foliage Plants. Only such are included as are best for this purpose.

Collection 24.—10 Hardy Scotch Pinks—our grandmother's favorites.

## OUR SPECIAL FIFTY-CENT COLLECTIONS

### —OF— FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SEEDS.

The collections are all made up with our usual large-sized packets of choice fresh seeds. They are put up ready for shipment before the rush of the busy season, consequently no changes can be made in them.

No discount will be made or premiums allowed on these Collections.

Collection 25.—25 Popular Varieties of Flower Seeds, consisting of one packet each, of Sweet Alyssum, Antirrhinum, Asters, Balsams, Calliopis, Candytuft, Convolvulus, Datura, Dianthus, Euphorbia Variegata, Godetia, Mignonette, Phlox Drummondii, Sweet Peas, Verbenas, Dwarf Nasturtiums, Tall Nasturtiums, Zinnias, Poppies, Petunias, Portulacas, Sun Flower, Cypress Vine, Gaillardia, Balloon Vine.

Collection 26.—16 Varieties of Choice Vegetable Seeds. One packet each of the following: Cauliflower, Large White; Celery, Self-Blanching; Carrot, Oxheart; Cucumber, Long Green; Lettuce, Early Curled; Egg Plant, New York Improved; Parsnip, Hollow Crown; Salsify; Tomato, Trophy; Peas, Champion of England; Corn, Stowell's Evergreen; Radish, Long White; Pepper, Ruby King; Parsley, Fern-Leaved; Pumpkin, Sweet Potato; Cabbage, Late Flat Dutch.

Collection 27.—16 Varieties of Choice Vegetable Seeds. One packet of each of the following: Cabbage, Jersey Wakefield; Cucumber, Early White Spine; Lettuce, Improved Hanson; Tomato, Turner Hybrid; Beans, Early Red Valentine; Peas, American Wonder; Beets, Eclipse; Corn, Minnesota; Onion, Red Weathersfield; Radish, Long Scarlet Short Top; Musk Melon, Netted Gem; Water Melon, Dixie; Squash, Hubbard; Spinach, Thick Leaved; Turnip, Purple-Top Strap-Leaved; Kohl-Rabi.

**SPECIAL OFFER:** We will send ANY THREE of the above 50-cent Collections, postpaid, for \$1.25.

## Our \* "Bonanza" \* Express \* Collections.

YOUR CHOICE FOR ONLY ONE DOLLAR.

THE FOLLOWING COLLECTIONS, to be sent by express only, purchaser paying express charges, are very desirable to those who want a nice flower-bed and care nothing about having the names put on each plant. The plants in these collections are just as good in every way as the individually selected plants at more than double the price. Give this mode of purchasing plants a trial. We are confident it will please you. **NO DISCOUNT ON THESE COLLECTIONS.**

- A.—10 Two-year-old Ever-blooming Roses, our selection.
- B.—8 Two-year-old Hybrid Perpetuals, our selection.
- C.—10 Two-year-old Climbing Noisettes, Hardy Climbers and Mosses.
- D.—20 One-year-old Hybrid Perpetuals, all colors.
- E.—25 One-year-old Ever-blooming Roses, all different.
- F.—30 Double Geraniums, in four colors.
- G.—30 Single Geraniums, in four colors.
- H.—30 Double and Single Geraniums, in four colors.
- J.—25 Begonias—flowering varieties.
- K.—25 Fuchsias—double and single.
- L.—30 Chrysanthemums, all different.
- M.—30 Coleus, new kinds in variety.

- N.—30 Alternantheras—four kinds.
- O.—25 Heliotropes—five kinds.
- P.—30 Hibiscus—six kinds.
- Q.—30 Moon Flowers, in three colors.
- R.—25 Lantanas—five kinds.
- S.—30 Salvias—five kinds.
- T.—5 Roses, 4 Double Geraniums, 4 Single Geraniums, 3 Begonias, 4 Fuchsias, 5 Chrysanthemums.
- U.—4 Heliotropes, 4 Hibiscus, 4 Lantanas, 4 Coleus, 3 Alternantheras, 3 Moon Flowers, 3 Salvias.
- V.—20 of the Beautiful Sansevieria Zealanica.

WE AIM TO GIVE AS MUCH AS WE CAN AFFORD, NOT SO LITTLE AS WE DARE



# OUR "1896" ROSE SET.

Don't Fail to Notice This Offer.

10 Superb Ever-Blooming Roses for Only 50 Cents. All will Bloom this Summer.



Madame Schwaller.

Madame Schwaller.

**L**IKE Puritan, this Rose has the strong, firm growth of the Hybrid Perpetuals, the same form and finish of flowers, being especially beautiful when full blown. It is very free in bloom, and has the fragrance of the old June Roses. The color is a bright rosy-flesh, paler at the base of the petals and deepening on the edges. Apt to come in clusters, which are excellent for cutting. A Rose from which we hear very flattering reports from all directions. This grand Rose has more perfume than any that we offer.



Dr. Grill

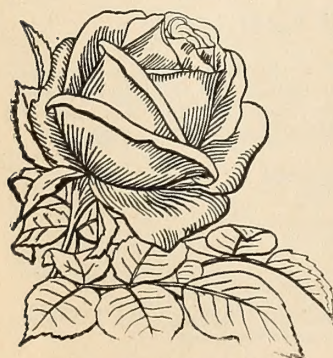
NEW TEA ROSE.

**DR. GRILL.**

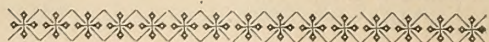
Coppery-yellow, with fawny-rose reflex. An entirely new color, and one of great brilliance. The outer petals are large, round and shell-shaped, and inclose a mass of shorter petals, which are of a very brilliant color. A grand garden Rose. We advise our friends to plant this lovely variety, as it will please you.

**New Tea Rose, Madame Sadi Carnot.**

This Rose blooms in large clusters, fine, full flowers, bright cherry-red, passing to magenta. Makes pretty buds, is delightfully perfumed.



Mad. Sadi Carnot.



**A**CAREFUL test of all Roses grown by us shows that the varieties named in the following set are the most easily grown, and are of the most free-flowering sorts. We have in this set a perfect harmony of color, ranging from pure white to richest crimson. Anyone acquainted with Roses will see that part of the set are of the older standard varieties that will never cease to be popular, the remainder are our choice from more than 50 varieties of new Roses of latest production. We have grown 50,000 sets of these Roses in order to be enabled to offer them at a nominal price, so as to get our plants introduced into the homes of many more of those who love and appreciate beautiful flowers, feeling sure that it will induce them to join our host of regular and valued customers.

Whatever else you order, do not fail to get

**The 1896 Set of Roses**

We will send it to you, postage paid, for **ONLY 50 CENTS**, in strong one-year-old plants. Three sets for \$1.25.



NEW TEA ROSE

Maurice Rouvier.

**O**NE of the distinguishing characteristics of this superb new Rose is its enormous size—the flowers are immense; fine globular form, very full and exceedingly sweet; the color is bright pinkish rose, elegantly tinted with shades of buff, prettily veined with deep shining crimson, while many of the petals have a wide border of silvery-white, which gives the flower a lighter effect than the color would appear to indicate. It is a good, strong grower and most prolific bloomer, well worthy of high commendation.



Maurice Rouvier.

**16** We can sell Choice Roses Cheap, because we grow them in unlimited quantity.



## METEOR.

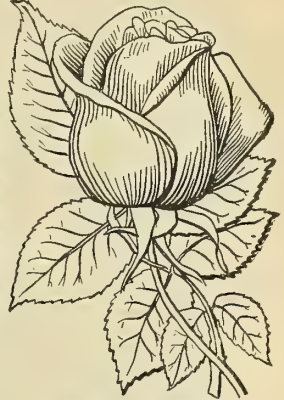
A velvety-red ever-bloomer of the deepest glowing crimson, as fine as a Hybrid. Flowers of medium size, very double and slightly recurving. A beautiful open Rose, a free-bloomer and a very excellent pot Rose. It has no tinge of violet or purple to mar its beauty. It is a vigorous, bushy grower, with healthy, bright foliage of the deepest green. The best rich red Rose for the garden ever introduced. Our correspondents from California say that the flower of Meteor equals General Jacqueminot, and it will produce fifty flowers to Jacqueminot's one. This is unquestionably the best dark velvety-red Rose yet produced. Grand both in bud and flower. It has our highest commendation.



Meteor.

## ETOILE DE LYON.

This magnificent Tea Rose is rich golden-yellow; a strong, healthy and vigorous grower, immense bloomer, bearing flowers and buds early and late; the flowers are very deep, rich and full; excellent substance, very sweet; surely one of the very best and most beautiful yellow Tea Roses for general planting ever introduced. Remarkably hardy both as to heat and cold, frequently standing the Winters here uninjured in open ground without protection; blooming nicely all through the hottest part of the Summer.



Etoile de Lyon.

## New Tea Rose, SNOWFLAKE.

This is a lovely White Rose, a pure Tea, but a foreign seedling, the freest-flowering White Rose we have seen. It will be especially useful in set designs. For a pot plant it cannot be excelled, as it possesses every good quality of a pot Rose. We counted on one plant one hundred and forty-three buds and flowers in a single day, and the plant was only nine months old. It can be used in place of white Carnations for set pieces at an immense saving, because it can be bloomed profitably at one dollar per one hundred buds. Not only will it cover twice and three times the space, in a funeral design for instance, that a Carnation covers, but it will give greatly superior results.



Snowflake.

## Mademoiselle Franceska Kruger.

The striking color of this handsome Rose places it at once in the front as a bud producer in the open air. It is closely allied to Catherine Mermet, and resembles it in everything save color. In its shading of deep coppery-yellow it stands unique and distinct from all others. The flower, when open is of good size and very symmetrical. One of the finest Roses to plant in masses and clumps

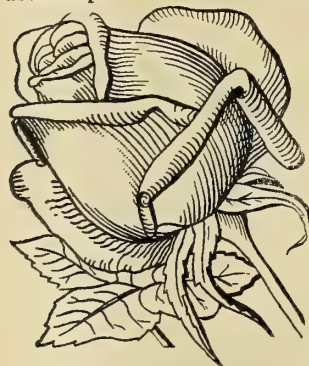


Mlle. Franceska Kruger.

: : AN ODD ROSE, : :

## BEAUTY INCONSTANT, One that Changes its Color.

Color bright capucine red, shaded and lined with deep carmine and bright yellow. A novel and distinct Rose. The colors are variable and often upon a single plant there are what to the casual observer would be three different varieties of Roses. The flowers are semi-double, and the buds are long, well-formed, and desirable for cut flowers and wearing.



Beauty Inconstant.



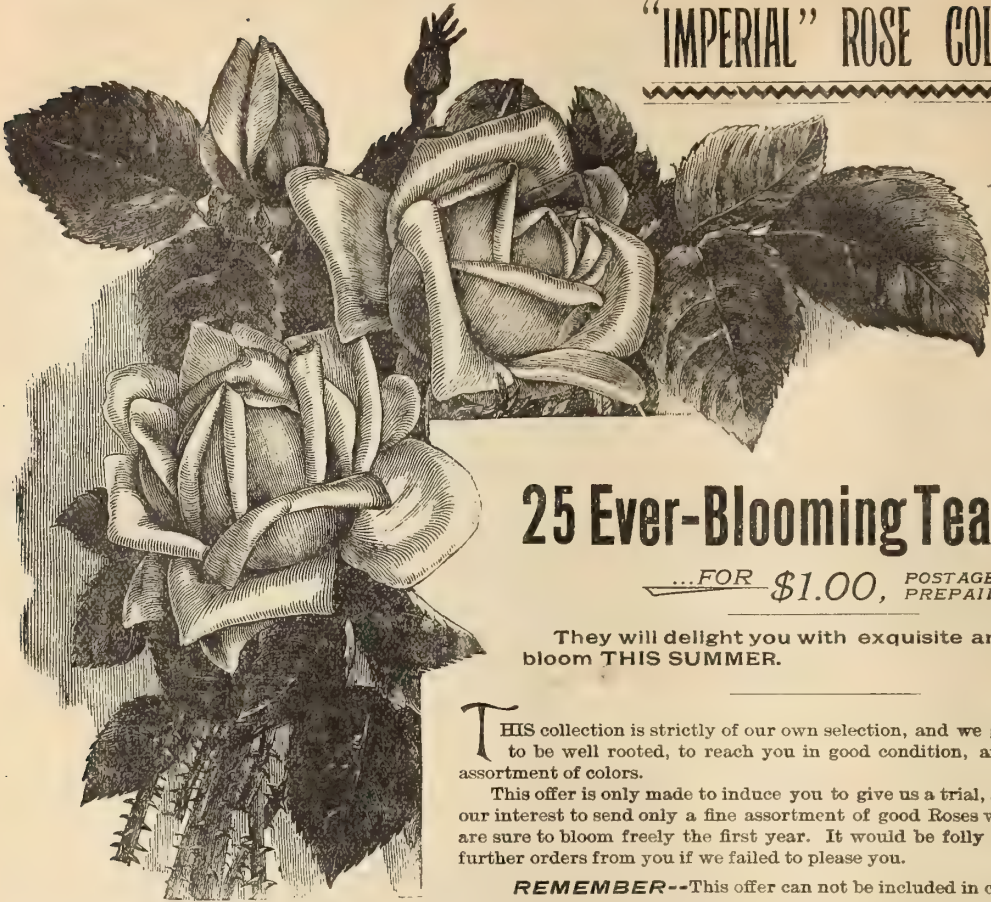
Perle des Jardins.

We also have the "1896" set in two-year-old plants, too large to be sent by mail. We will send one set by express for \$1, or 3 sets for \$2.50; charges to be paid by purchaser, but we will add, to each \$2.50 order, two Roses of our own selection free.

**PLEASE NOTICE.**—These sets will not be broken at the prices given. If only a part of the set is desired, selections may be made in the small size for 10 cents each; large size, 20 cents.

**OUR FACILITIES FOR PROMPT FILLING OF ORDERS ARE UNSURPASSED BY ANY OTHER GREENHOUSES.**



**"IMPERIAL" ROSE COLLECTION.****THIS OFFER**Can not be beat either  
in Quantity or Quality.**25 Ever-Blooming Tea Roses**...FOR \$1.00, POSTAGE  
PREPAID.They will delight you with exquisite and abundant  
bloom THIS SUMMER.

**T**HIS collection is strictly of our own selection, and we guarantee them to be well rooted, to reach you in good condition, and to be a fine assortment of colors.

This offer is only made to induce you to give us a trial, and it will be to our interest to send only a fine assortment of good Roses well rooted, that are sure to bloom freely the first year. It would be folly for us to expect further orders from you if we failed to please you.

**REMEMBER--**This offer can not be included in club rates.

**OUR "GIANT" COLLECTION OF  
LARGE TWO-YEAR-OLD ROSES  
FOR IMMEDIATE EFFECT.**

**T**HERE is unquestionably a growing demand for large Rose plants. The reason for this is that one does not have to wait so long for an abundant supply of flowers. While our young plants will flower profusely the first year, still it could not be expected of them to produce nearly so many blooms the first season as our large two-year-old Roses. They are strong, thrifty bushes, with healthy, well-developed roots, and are ready to start in as soon as planted, and give plenty of lovely flowers.



**W**E HAVE now fifty thousand and large two-year-old Roses, so we will be able to meet this demand for large rose plants and at the same time keep the price reasonable. We advise all our friends to order at least part of their Roses in this large two-year-old size, and they will be pleased with their venture. Last year we sold forty thousand of these two-year-old Roses, and have received many reports of their advantage over the one-year-old stock.

As these Rose bushes are too large to be sent by mail, they must be sent by express, purchasers to pay express charges.

**SPECIAL OFFER**

Send us \$1.00 and we will send you the "Giant" Collection of 12 large two-year-old Rose bushes of our own selection—all different and every one a gem. This offer is not subject to club rates, as these Roses if purchased at single prices would cost from 20 to 50 cents each.

**ROSES ARE OUR SPECIALTY--WE KEEP ONLY THE BEST VARIETIES.**



# The Great "United States" Plant Collection.

## 44 States in the Union---44 Plants in this Collection.

We will send you the "United States" for \$2.50, if you will pay the express charges; or we will send it prepaid for \$3.25 to any express office. This collection is made up of an assortment of 44 flowering and foliage plants, everyone different and plainly labeled and grown especially for this offer.

**BE SURE TO LOOK OVER THIS COLLECTION.**

**WE THINK IT IS THE MOST GENEROUS PLANT OFFER EVER MADE BY ANY FLORIST.**



*Jasminum Grandiflorum.*

1. One \*Begonia—Argentea Guttata. (See cut).
2. One Begonia—Sandersonii. One of the best.
3. One Carnation—Uncle John, pure white.
4. One Carnation—E. A. Wood, light pink striped with darker shade.
5. One Carnation—Portia, the best scarlet.
6. One \*Campylobotrys, an attractive greenhouse shrub.
7. One Chrysanthemum—Geo. W. Childs, the best dark.
8. One Chrysanthemum—Bride of Roses, rosy-pink.
9. One Chrysanthemum—Challenge, bright yellow.
10. One Chrysanthemum—Niveus, grand snow white.
11. One New Canna—Florence Vaughn, bright yellow, spotted scarlet (new).
12. One New Canna—Alphonse Bouvier, the best crimson (new).
13. One Clerodendron Balfouri.
14. One Cyperus Alternifolius (umbrella plant).
15. One Feverfew.
16. One Fuchsia—Phenomenal, the best double purple.
17. One Fuchsia—Double white.
18. One Double Scarlet Geranium.
19. One Double Pink Geranium.
20. One Double White Geranium.
21. One Double Salmon Geranium.
22. One Grevillia Robusta (silk oak).

23. One \*Hibiscus, double yellow.
24. One \*Hibiscus, double red.
25. One \*Hibiscus, large single flowering.
26. One Hydrangea—Thos. Hogg.
27. One Hydrangea—Otaksa.
28. One \*Jasmine—Grandiflorum (see cut).
29. One \*Jasmine—Grand Duke of Tuscany.
30. One Linum—Trigynum.
31. One Manettia Vine.
32. One \*Otaheite Orange.
33. One Hardy Phlox—White Lady.
34. One Hardy Phlox—Rosy Magenta.
35. One Hardy Scotch Pink—Gertrude.
36. One Hardy Scotch Pink—Juliette.
37. One large two-year-old \*Rose—Bridesmaid—pink.
38. One large two-year-old \*Rose—Snowflake—white.
39. One large two-year-old \*Rose—Mad. Sadi Carnot—crimson.
40. One large two-year-old \*Rose—Star of Gold—yellow.
41. One Chinese Primrose—single white.
42. One Hardy Primrose—double yellow.
43. One Sanseveria Zealanica.
44. One Heliotrope.

**NOTICE—This collection must be taken as offered, it will not be divided or changed. Club rates do not apply to this offer.**

Plants marked with a STAR \* are large, two-year-old bushy plants from 5 and 6 inch pots.

A full description of all these plants will be found in the following pages. See index.



*Argentea Guttata.*

**We GUARANTEE Safe Arrival of and Satisfaction with all Plants Purchased of Us.**



# OUR : ROSES

.. FOR ..

1896

EMBRACING

Novelties,  
Specialties,  
and Standard  
Varieties.

## CULTURAL DIRECTIONS.

### WHEN AND HOW TO PLANT.

In the Spring Roses should not be planted in open ground until danger from freezing is past. Many people prefer to get their plants early, and grow in pots or boxes indoors till the season is favorable for setting out. When the ground is thoroughly prepared, wet the roots of the Roses so that the earth will adhere to them. Make holes of suitable size, put in the plant slightly deeper than it has grown, spread out the roots in their natural position, cover with fine soil, and pack down tightly with the hand. An important point in the setting out of any plant, but especially of a Rose, is having the soil firmly fixed about it. Never leave it loose in the ground to be blown about by the wind.

**WATER.**—If the ground is dry when planted water thoroughly, so as to soak the earth down to the roots of the plants. After this not much water is required unless the weather is very dry. Plants will not thrive kept too wet.

**WHY ROSES MAY VARY IN COLOR,** and sometimes come single and imperfect when planted. In describing Roses, we try to give the prevailing color of the perfect flower. Buds are sometimes very different in color from the same flower when fully open, and first blooms are frequently single and imperfect in form, as well as deficient in color and fragrance, because the roots are not sufficiently established to furnish the full amount of nourishment required. The same effects are also produced by other causes, as, for instance, poor ground, shade and insufficient light, too much or too little moisture, too close proximity to buildings or larger and stronger plants, trees, vines, etc. In fact, anything which interferes with the growth of the plant or impairs its vitality will lessen the beauty and color of the flower. Give your Roses opportunity to grow strong, and they will not disappoint in color or fullness of bloom and fragrance.

**PRUNING.**—The Ever-Blooming Roses do not require much pruning in the Summer except what may be necessary to keep the plants in reasonable shape and limit. In the Spring it is best to cut back at least one-half of the last season's growth, and cut off all the dead shoots down to the live. A Rose may be Winter-killed, quite to the ground, but if the roots are not injured it will put forth new growth and bloom as well as before. The Hybrid and Perpetual Moss Roses bloom best on strong new wood. They should, therefore, be cut back severely in the Spring before growth is commenced. These Roses attain a large size; the pruning should be done to give them a shapely appearance.

**WINTER PROTECTION.**—Where the mercury drops pretty low, our Roses must be well protected. Different persons use different methods, and often with equal success. We can tell you what not to do. Don't cover closely with leaves or loose straw material that will hold moisture about the plants or furnish a sheltered haunt for field mice. Any protection that will allow a speedy drying off and free access of air, while preventing the direct action of freezing and thawing, is excellent. It will be well to clip out the latest soft growth, strip off the leaves, bend the branches down and cover with loose earth to the depth of three or four inches, using a few boards or boughs above as a light weight. Don't remove the covering until the ground is thawed out.

**A WORD ABOUT LOCATION.**—Roses love the sun. Give your bed a location where Old Sol can smile all day long. Never place your Rose bed under large trees or near them, for the strong roots of the trees will seek the newly prepared soil, and leave your Rose to eke a half-starved existence.

You can also encourage the throwing up of root-suckers besides stimulating growth, by applying old rotten cow manure as mulch in Summer, spread evenly over the bed to the depth of an inch or more. This will maintain an equable temperature for the roots during the hottest weather.

Most important of all is the proper preparation of the soil. Roses will grow in any ordinary soil, but they are particularly fond of yellow clay, when mixed with natural soil. To this add a good proportion of old, well-rotted cow manure or ground bone. The bed should be dug to the depth of sixteen or eighteen inches, and the whole thoroughly mixed and stirred together before planting. Never use fresh manure, for it is an injury rather than a benefit.



White Hermosa.

Our Roses are all on their Own Roots.—No Grafted or Budded Stock sent out.



# NEW ROSES FOR 1896.



New Hybrid Tea Rose, Augustine Halem.

## Augustine Halem.

In this Rose we have a beauty indeed, for it fairly rivals the well-known American Beauty in the size and color of its flowers. It has well-developed buds having good, waxy-like petals of excellent substance. Color clear, bright, rosy-red, verging to deep, rich crimson. With these changes it adds the delightful fragrance of the old June Roses. Taken altogether we are much pleased with this beautiful variety. It is very free-flowering. Offered for the first time last year. Price, 20 cents each; large two-year-old plants, 40 cents each.

Hybrid Tea Rose,

## Pierre Guillot.

One of the finest, and most valuable in the whole list of Roses. Bright, dazzling crimson, passing to brilliant carmine. Flowers large, very double and full, and highly scented. A healthy and vigorous grower, and a constant bloomer from June until frost. The outer petals are broad, round, and decidedly recurved, showing the short, closely-set inner petals. Among the few good ever-bloomers, this ranks very near the front, for it is double, without a tinge of disagreeable shade, and always in bloom. We have a very large stock in nice plants. Price, 20 cents each; large two-year-old plants, 40 cents each.

## New Tea Rose, Senator McNaughton.

This is a beautiful Rose of the Perle des Jardins type, being a sport from that well-known variety. The habit, growth, shape and size of bud are the same. The flower is identical with Perle des Jardins, differing only in color, being a pure white with decidedly golden tints. One of the most beautiful Roses grown. It will please everybody. Price, 20 cents each; large two-year-old plants, 40 cents.

## New Hybrid Tea Rose, American Beauty.

This new Rose, of American introduction, has attained the greatest popularity in the shortest time and created the greatest excitement of any new Rose ever offered in this country, and this without any special attempt to advertise it, the introducers rely only on its great value, which is apparent at a glance. It belongs to the hardy hybrid perpetual class, but it blooms almost as constantly as the Teas. There is no doubt but that it is a good rose for outdoor culture. It is a strong, vigorous grower and a very free bloomer. The buds are extra large, very full and double, and exceedingly sweet. The color is a dark, rich crimson, and most exquisitely shaded. The flowers are very lasting after cutting, keeping fresh and bright from one to three weeks. Price, 20 cents; large two-year-old plants, 40 cents.



• • • NEW CLIMBING ROSE, • • •

## CRIMSON RAMBLER



A Single Truss of Crimson Rambler.

The plant is of very vigorous growth, making shoots from eight to ten feet during the season, rendering it a charming pillar Rose. It is also magnificent in bush form, and for covering buildings, trellises, etc., it cannot be excelled. One of the striking characteristics of this Rose is its remarkable color, which is of the brightest crimson, which remains undimmed to the end, showing none of the objectionable purplish tint so common in crimson Roses. The flowers are produced in great pyramidal panicles or trusses, each carrying from thirty to forty blooms, the individual flowers measuring about one to one and a half inches in diameter and remaining perfect on the plant for upwards of two weeks with their freshness of color unimpaired. The foliage is bright green and glossy, and contrasts finely with the bright crimson of the flowers. It is said to be exceedingly hardy, having successfully withstood the test in exposed situations of two very severe Winters in England. We have not had an opportunity to test its hardiness here, but from all appearances we think it is hardy. As a decorative pot plant it cannot be excelled. We can recommend this novelty in the strongest manner as being a new Rose of great importance and value. This Rose received gold medals from the National Rose Society of England, and the National Horticultural Society of France, the International Horticultural Exposition at Earl's Court, as well as numerous first-class certificates. A correspondent of the *London Garden* writes in the issue of July 14, 1894: "With me at this date (July 6) this Rose is grand. I have a dozen large plants on prepared land on turf. I did not prune much, merely shortening back and placing stakes to support the long growths. I gave a liberal mulch early in the Spring, with the result that the growths are very strong and the clusters of bright crimson flowers at this date beautiful. On one shoot alone I counted over three hundred blooms." Price, 25 cents each; large two-year-old plants, 50 cents.

## BELLE SIEBRECHT.

(Introducer's description.) "A truly superb Rose. Color imperial pink. A solid pink of the richest shade, a very rare color. The flowers, which are sweetly perfumed, are large, beautifully formed, and of that long tapering shape, with high center, and when half blown the petals reflex in a graceful manner. The buds (which are borne on strong, erect stems,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 feet long), are  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 inches in length, and when fully open the flowers are  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 inches in diameter, without showing the center. The flowers have great substance. The petals, which are of a heavy texture, do not easily bruise or tarnish. They last well, some having been kept seven days without falling. It is a free and vigorous bloomer, with large and glossy foliage of leathery texture, entirely free from mildew. A most prolific bloomer, every growth producing a perfect flower, not a deformed flower having been seen. Price, 50 cents each.

## MRS. PIERPONT MORGAN.

(Introducer's description.) "This is one of the very finest Roses ever introduced in America. The flowers are very large and very double; many of the flowers measure  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches through when in perfection; the petals are broad and massive; the color is intensely bright cerise or rose-pink. It has received special certificates of merit wherever exhibited." Price, 50 cents each.

## Prince Hussein Kamil Pacha.

Large, full flowers; color saffron with dark yellow, the center shading to ochre-reflected golden color. Price, 20 cents each; two-year-old, 40 cents.

New Hybrid Tea,

## MRS. W. C. WHITNEY.

This is a charming Rose; delightfully fragrant, more so than any other Rose that we know; color a beautiful shade of clear deep pink, very fresh and bright. The flowers are large and full, with fine, large, elongated buds. Price, 50 cents each.

## BARONNE BERGE.

After careful test and trial we recommend this beautiful Rose as one of the best in the entire list of new varieties for general purposes. The flowers are medium to large size and are produced in large numbers. The plant commences blooming when quite young and continues throughout the season. The color is exceptionally fine and unique—a vivid rose, with bright yellow in the center, which is altogether remarkable in a Rose. The foliage is clean and healthy. It is a vigorous and thrifty grower and will surely take a place among the best Roses. Price, 20 cents each; two-year-old, 40 cents.

## SUNSET.

This grand Rose is a great favorite wherever known; the color is a rich golden amber or old gold, elegantly shaded with dark ruddy crimson, resembling the beautiful tints seen in a Summer sunset; the flowers and buds are extra large, full, finely formed and deliciously perfumed; it is a strong and vigorous grower, and free-bloomer, highly recommended both for open-ground and house culture. Price, 20 cents each; two-year-old, 40 cents each.



Leo XIII.

You should notice every page of this Catalogue. Nothing is offered that is WITHOUT MERIT.



# A QUARTET OF FREAKS



"Rainbow."

## California's New Striped Rose,

### "RAINBOW."

This new Rose from California, which no doubt will be extensively planted, was awarded a silver cup by the State Floral Society. The color is a lovely shade of deep coral pink, striped and mottled in the most unique manner with intense crimson and elegantly colored with rich golden amber at center and base of petals. It makes beautiful buds, and the flowers are extra large, very sweet, and of great depth and substance. Price, 15 cents each; large plants, 30 cents each.

One of the Latest and Best New Tea Roses,

### GEN. ROBT. E. LEE.

(Introducer's description.) This is the first Rose we have introduced, and we are sure that it will please all who try it. It is in color an orange-yellow, after the color of Ma Capucine, only richer and better. It is a good grower, has elegant, long buds, borne on long stems, and will produce more buds than any Rose we know of. It forces easily, being at its best in mid-winter. There is no variety that will compare with it in all the qualities that go to make up the ideal Rose. The color is so peculiar and rich that it attracts attention wherever seen. Try it. Price, 15 cents each; large plants, 30 cents each.

## A VERY PRETTY NEW TEA ROSE,

### Beauty Inconstant.

Color bright capucine red, shaded and lined with deep carmine and bright yellow. A novel and distinct Rose. The colors are variable, and often upon a single plant there are what to the casual observer would be three different varieties of Roses. The flowers are semi-double, and the buds are long, well-formed, and very desirable for cut flowers and wearing. Price, 15 cents each; two-year-old plants, 30 cents each.

## NEW CRIMSON TEA ROSE,

### CHRISTINE DE NOUE.

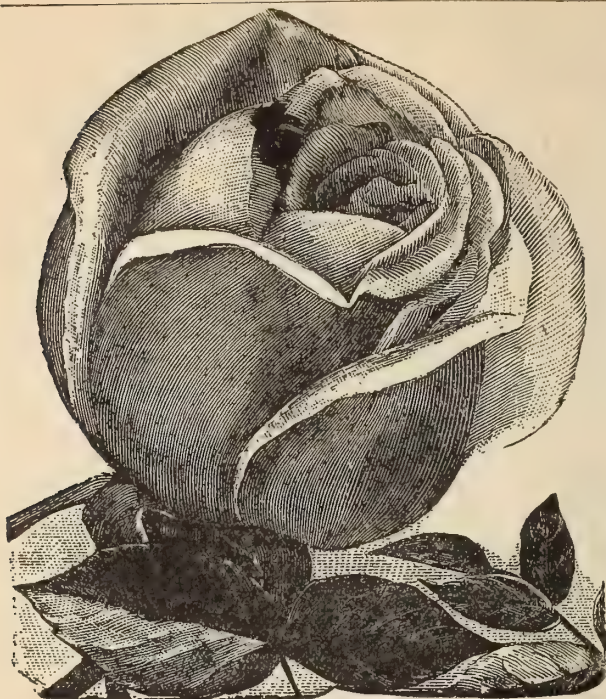
(Or Double Papa Gontier.)

This beautiful new red Tea is a very charming Rose, and promises to be one of the best of recent introduction. It is particularly valuable because red has been a very scarce color among Tea Roses, and this one seems exceptionally fine; a constant and very free bloomer; the flowers are well borne upon strong stems, and are unusually large, round and handsome flower; the buds are long and finely pointed, and the color clear, rich maroon or deep purplish-red, passing to lake, center sometimes streaked with silvery-white; the petals are finely imbricated, and the flowers are deliciously sweet. It is highly recommended as a valuable and is in every way desirable Rose for general planting. Price, 15 cents each; large two-year-old plants, 30 cents each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**--We will send the "Quartet of Freaks," postpaid for 50c. No Club Rates.

**OUR PRICES ARE AS LOW AND QUALITY OF PLANTS AS HIGH AS ANY OTHER HOUSE OFFERS.**





Perle des Jardins.

**SAPPHO.**

A new English Tea Rose, of large and globular form; buds fawn color, suffused with rose; the opening flower shaded yellow and buff; center deep bright yellow. Very double and a remarkably free bloomer; one of the best new Roses.

**BRIDESMAID.**

Here we have a new Rose, a sport from that old standby, Catherine Mermet. This new variety retains all the good qualities of the parent, besides adding charms not possessed by the sweet Mermet. The bud is of exquisite shape and contour, so solid and firm, and the stems are so long and stiff that no other Rose will compare with it in keeping qualities after being cut. It is about two shades deeper in color—just enough to make it bright; and it is the same color all the time under every condition of weather and surroundings. We have a good stock of this valuable Rose, and offer it with confidence.

**MADAME HOSTE.**

Nearly every lover of beautiful flowers counts among his favorite Roses the Perle des Jardins, and certainly will be anxious to secure this distinct new Rose, when we state its large and beautiful petals are larger and longer than that well-known tea rose. Generally the petals are of a clear ivory white. They can always be cut on long stems, and with beautiful dark green foliage.

**EDMOND SABLAYROLLES.**

The flowers, produced in clusters, are of medium size, and are so very double that we counted the petals upon one bloom, and found it contained 119. The petals are irregular in shape, some being deeply serrated, while others are lightly fringed. The color is bright carmine in the center, while the outer rows of petals are light pink.

**New Tea Rose, HENRY M. STANLEY.**

Described by the introducers as follows: This elegant new ever-blooming Tea Rose was named in honor of the great African explorer, and introduced by us last year; it makes a beautiful contrast with Golden Gate; the color is a rare and remarkably beautiful shade of clear amber rose, delicately tinged towards the center with fine apricot yellow; the petals are beautifully edged and bordered with rich carmine, and on the outer reverse side pass to a lovely shade of salmon or buff rose; the flowers are large, fine full form, excellent substance and deliciously fragrant, having a rich, tea scent.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—We will send these Nine Beauties, postage paid, for \$1.00. Large, two-year-old plants, \$1.75.

# Nine Beauties.

15 Cents Each. Large, two-year-old Plants,  
25 Cents Each.

**PERLE DES JARDINS.**

This magnificent Rose still retains its position as the finest Rose of its color ever introduced, and grows into perfect favor year after year. The color is a canary or golden-yellow; flowers large and beautifully formed; handsome in every stage of development, from the smallest bud to the open bloom. The color, whether light or deep, always has a peculiar softness not observed in any other Rose. Very full and highly perfumed. It is the favorite yellow.

**New Tea Rose, Souvenir Gabriel Drevet.**

This is a superbly rich Rose, carrying such fine combinations of color that it is sure to please. It is so thick in petal as to resemble soft velvet to the touch. It belongs to the tulip class, salmon-pink, with the center of coppery-rose, elegantly edged darker. We have had many letters from the South praising the great beauty of this Rose, probably the most distinct Rose we grow, the petals are so thick and velvet-like as to hardly resemble a Rose.

**MAD. MARTHA DU BOURG.**

One of the prettiest. Flowers cup-shaped, with wonderfully pretty crimped petals, giving them a distinct lace-like appearance. The color is fine creamy-pink, with a rosy-flesh center; the buds, sometimes the flowers, are beautiful apricot-yellow, flushed with orange-red; lovely variety.



Marion Dingee.

**New Crimson Tea Rose, Marion Dingee.**

A strong, vigorous grower, making a handsome, graceful bush, with large thick deep green leaves. The flowers are large, beautifully cup shaped, moderate full, and borne in wonderful profusion all through the growing season. In fact, we scarcely know of any other Rose that will produce so many perfect flowers in a given time, and whether in open ground or under glass, it is a most constant and profuse bloomer. The flowers are borne nearly upright on long, straight stems, and are of excellent substance, having thick, leathery petals, holding their form and color a long time. It is a deep, brilliant crimson, one of the darkest, if not the very darkest, and richest colored Tea Roses in existence.

**GIVE US AT LEAST A TRIAL ORDER, AND WE ARE SURE YOU WILL COME AGAIN.**



THE FAMOUS

\* La France \*

SET OF ROSES.

## SPECIAL OFFER:

The Six beautiful and distinct varieties  
for 75 cents; large two-year size, \$1.25.

## ...STRIPED LA FRANCE...

Madame Angeliue Veyssset

Everybody knows the beautiful La France.

Striped La France combines all the good qualities of La France in growth, fragrance, shape of bud and flower; in fact, differs from it except in two points. First, it is freer in bloom than the parent; second, it is nicely striped, the marking being plain and distinct, the variegation a beautiful bright rose on a satin-pink ground.

Price, 15 cents; large size, 30 cents.

## Crimson La France,

Or La France de '89

Identical with La France except the color, which is very nearly a scarlet, sometimes bordered with pure white. Price, 15 cts. each; two-year-old plants, 30 cts. each.

## RED LA FRANCE.

Color a rich, deep, even pink throughout. The growth of the plant is vigorous, the habit good, and the flowers, which are thrown up well above the foliage, are produced very freely. An excellent Rose either for forcing for cut flowers or for the garden. Price, 15 cents each; large two-year-old, 30 cents each.

## Climbing La France.

A most wonderful acquisition and one of the most desirable Roses introduced in recent years. It had its origin as a sport from La France and possesses all the good points of that most popular of all Roses. It retains the charming peach pink color and the exquisite fragrance which have made the La France the favorite it is; added to this its remarkably strong, vigorous growth makes it the most desirable climbing rose in cultivation, and it should find a place in every garden. Price, good young plants, 15 cts. each; two-year-old, 30 cts.

## PINK LA FRANCE.

We have always given this the first place, the queen of all the Roses. It is of superb form, and double as a Rose can be. No variety can surpass it in delicate coloring, silvery-rose shades, with pink. It has a satin sheen over all its petals; hardly beyond question. It blooms continuously. The flower is large, finely built, endures for a great length of time. Price, 15 cents each; large two-year-old plants, 30 cents each.

## White La France.

(Augustine Guinnoiseau.)

Here we have a beauty indeed, one we can recommend to all, whether for outdoor culture or for pots in the house in Winter. It is identical with La France, except the color. It is pearly white, sometimes tinted with fawn. We predict for it far more popularity than La France ever attained. Don't fail to get this new Rose. Price, 15 cents; large size, 30 cents.



The Red La France (or Duchess of Albany.)

Take advantage of our Liberal Club Rates and secure your plants without cost. See page 1



## NEW GOLDEN YELLOW TEA ROSE, **MEDIA.**

This is the grandest of all Yellow Roses and should be planted by everybody. When we first saw this Rose two years ago we predicted then that it would create a furor among rose growers, and it has verified the prediction. Its flowers are of the largest size, perfectly double to the center and of the most perfect shape, both in bud and blossom, while its color is a degree of loveliness unapproached by any other Rose, being a rich, deep golden-yellow, with decided sulphur-tints. The

brightness and richness of this Rose is the admiration of all beholders. We have grown in our establishment some fifty varieties of yellow Roses and think Media the best. Price, 15 cents each; large two-year-old, 25 cents.

### **MAD. ANGELE JACQUIER.**

A beautiful, large, finely-formed Rose; very double and full, and deliciously perfumed; color bright rosy carmine, deepening to crimson, elegantly tinged and shaded coppery-yellow. Price, 15 cents each; large two-year-old, 25 cents.

### **LETTIE COLES.**

One of the loveliest Roses grown, without exception. It is very double and cupped, forming a magnificent, full, open Rose, of soft, creamy-white, with very bright carmine center. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old, 25 cents.

### **ELISA FUGIER.**

The flowers are of grand size and superb form, well borne up on strong stems. It is a good, strong healthy grower that will probably do well in all ordinary situations; the color is rich, creamy-white, beautifully tinged with pure golden-yellow; the petals, which are large and broad, are frequently bordered and delicately shaded with soft pearly pink; a beautiful Rose in every way. Price, 15 cents each; large plants, 25 cents.

### **Comtesse Anna Thun.**

New and very beautiful. Extra large, full flowers; fine, cupped form; petals thick and of good substance; color golden orange-yellow, elegantly shaded with saffron and rich copper red, deepening at center to rosy crimson. Very distinct and handsome. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old, 25 cents.

### **MAD. ETIENNE.**

In this charming new variety we have a Rose that will please and delight all who plant it. The flowers are large and very double; the color is a bright rosy-pink, delicately shaded with light rose on the edge of the petals. Has beautiful buds and is delightfully fragrant. The petals recurve, giving it the shape of a Camellia. One of the finest pink Roses grown. Price, 15 cents; large, two-year-old, 25 cents.

### **New Rose, The Gem or The Fair Unknown**

This Rose is identical with Marie Van Houtte, except that it is claimed to be twice the size. We have seen enough to know that it will do to talk about and praise. Of a fine, faultless, straw-yellow color, with the outer petals washed and outlined with a bright rosy-crimson. Occasionally the whole flower will be suffused with light pink. It grows vigorously, blooms freely and is most deliciously scented. In cool weather it almost changes color, taking on gorgeous crimson tints. A beautiful and superb Rose. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old plants, 25 cents.

### **The New Tea Rose, GOLDEN GATE.**

This magnificent Rose is a cross between the old greatly admired varieties, Safrano and Cornelia Cook, and while combining the good qualities of both is vastly more beautiful than either. It is a strong, healthy grower, excellent for both bedding and house culture. Produces a profusion of long, pointed buds, opening to very large double Roses, of creamy-white, beautifully tinted with soft yellow at the base of the broad petals, which are exquisitely bordered with clear rose. We heartily recommend it. Price, 15 cents; large plants, 20 cts.



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### **J. B. VARRONE.**

There is no question about this being a truly splendid Rose. It has the form, color and substance of those very choice and valuable varieties which only come occasionally. Superb elongated buds; extra large vase-shaped blooms; color intense scarlet crimson, very rich and bright, and beautifully shaded with salmon-yellow or buff rose at center; exceedingly beautiful, very sweet, and a constant bloomer. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old plants, 25 cents.

### **New Ever-Blooming Tea Rose,**

#### **PRINCESS VICTORIA.**

It is a vigorous grower, with large, fine foliage, and is one of the loveliest of all Roses. The color is pure waxy snow-white, and to those who desire a fine double flower when fully expanded, this will meet your wants, as it is very beautiful when fully blown. Certainly a grand acquisition. Rembles the grand old Rose "Malmaison," in shape and fullness. It far surpasses any other white Rose in all particulars, and has a much richer perfume. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old plants, 25 cents each.

### **MRS. PAUL.**

A new English Bourbon Rose, with extra large flowers of a bluish-white color, shading to rosy-peach at the center. In the open flower the petals are reflexed like a Camellia. Very vigorous in growth with rich, massive foliage. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old plants, 25 cents.

### **MAD. CUSIN.**

A striking and very beautiful Rose; color bright purplish-crimson, with white center, elegantly tinged and shaded with yellow; very handsome. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old, 25 cents.

### **BARONESS W. WARNER.**

A very beautiful and handsome variety; large, full, broad petaloid flowers, delightfully perfumed; color rich creamy-white, delicately shaded with salmon and rose, passing to amaranth. Price, 15 cents; large, two-year-old, 25 cents.



# A Select List of 12 Best Hybrid Tea Roses.

Hybrid Tea and Bourbon Roses are the hardiest of the ever-bloomers, standing the Winter in the northern latitudes with but little protection, and are perfectly hardy south of the Ohio river without any protection whatever. They bloom constantly throughout the Summer. The flowers increase in size and beauty as the weather becomes cooler, coming into perfection in Autumn. Our collection has no equal.



Bed of Dinsmore Roses.

## ANTOINE VERDIER.

Large, beautiful flowers; bright glowing pink, beautifully shaded rich crimson, very full and sweet; immense bloomer; fine for bedding. Price, 15 cents each.

## BEAUTY OF STAPLEFORD.

Bright pink color, shaded carmine; large size, very full perfect form; delightfully scented; a constant and very free bloomer. Price, 15 cents each.

## CAMOENS.

Extra large, full flowers; color, china rose, suffused with pale yellow, passing to white, flushed with carmine; fragrant and fine. Price, 15 cents each.

## DOCTEUR REYMONT.

This is a very handsome Rose, noted for being a hardy ever-bloomer; produces extra large, very beautiful flowers, somewhat flat in form, but very full and regular; color, bright shining vermilion red; remarkably brilliant and striking; reverse of petals elegantly clouded with rich violet-crimson; exceedingly sweet. Price, 15 cents each.

## MAD. SCHWALLER.

Blooms in large clusters; large, globular flowers; fine salmon rose, finely edged with violet carmine; highly perfumed; strong grower. Price, 10 cents each.

## MADAME CHARLES WOOD.

A true perpetual bloomer. Begins to bloom almost as soon as planted, and continues all through the season. The flowers are extra large, very double and full, and quite fragrant. Color, a very fiery scarlet, passing to fine, rosy crimson, elegantly shaded with maroon. Very showy and handsome, and one of the best Roses ever introduced for general planting. Price, 15 cents each.

The above named Roses can be furnished in large, two-year-old plants at 25 cents each.

EXCITE THE ENVY OF YOUR NEIGHBORS BY PLANTING A BED OF LOVELY ROSES.

## THE DINSMORE.

**New Hardy Ever-Blooming Rose, Dinsmore**—A vigorous, healthy Rose, of dwarf, branching habit, and is simply loaded with flowers all Summer long, being even more profuse than most of the tender ever-blooming Roses. The flowers are large, perfectly double, of a dazzling scarlet-crimson color, and have the rich, spicy fragrance peculiar to the best Hybrid Roses. We have proved the 'Dinsmore' to be entirely hardy and can recommend it as being the *finest garden Rose ever offered*. Remember it is entirely hardy, blooms incessantly and is one of the most beautiful of all bedding Roses. 15 cts.

## CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

A really valuable Rose which has been widely advertised as *champion for hardiness, vigor, profusion of bloom, fragrance, form and color*. The perfectly shaped double flowers are deep, rich rosy-pink. The fine plants we offer are sure to give satisfaction. Price, 15 cents each.

## BONA WEILMOTT.

A very strong grower, flower large and double, and of the centifolia form. Color rosy-vermilion, with center of orange red. Price, 15 cents each.

## METEOR.

This superb Hybrid Tea is one of the most brilliantly colored varieties known. The long-stemmed double flowers are large and perfectly formed; color, rich, intense velvety-crimson; hardy, vigorous grower and constant bloomer. 10c.

The Superb Hardy Ever-Blooming Rose, Mrs. de GRAW.

Everyone wants a hardy ever-blooming Rose, and when our attention was called to this grand variety, we at once took steps to procure it. From early Summer until frost it can be depended upon to produce flowers in abundance; color, rich glossy pink, delightfully fragrant, and such a strong, vigorous grower that it is almost invulnerable against attacks of insects; thus it is certain to be unequalled for the garden or cemetery. Medium size, 15 cents.

## GESHUNT HYBRID.

Extra fine large flowers, very double, full and perfect form, delightfully fragrant; color, ruby crimson, passing to rich maroon; a strong grower, and quite hardy. Price, 15c.





### THE MONSTER WHITE TEA ROSE--THE BRIDE.

This is, undoubtedly the finest white rose ever offered to the public, and we take pleasure in recommending it to all our customers. It is a Rose that supplies a long-felt want. A few of the white, ever-blooming Roses now in commerce have beautiful double flowers, but none of them compare with The Bride in the size and shape of the buds and half expanded flowers. The buds are very large and of exquisite form; the petals are of fine texture and substance, and the full flower is very double, measuring from three and one-half to four inches in diameter. The color is a delicate creamy white. The blooms can be cut with long stems, and will last in a fresh state after being cut longer than any other known variety. This new Rose is a sport from Catherine Mermet, and is equally valuable either for Summer or Winter flowering. 10c. each; large two-year-old plants, 25c.

**What is there more pure and sweet than a beautiful white rose?**



# BOUQUET LIST OF CHOICE EVER-BLOOMING TEA ROSES.

We can recommend the varieties in this BOUQUET LIST as being reliable, of great merit, beauty and excellence. They will afford you many beautiful bouquets this Summer. Price, 10 cents each; any ten for 75 cents; two-year-old plants, 25 cents each.



**Anna Cook**—A very charming new Rose, medium size; full, imbricated flowers; very sweet; beautiful buff pink, or pale rose, delicately shaded with amber and coral red. Very desirable.

**Arch Duchesse Marie Immaculée**—Makes beautiful buds, and is very handsome and desirable; color pale citron red, with vermilion center; large, full and exceedingly sweet.

**Bon Silene**—Noted for the great size and beauty of its buds, which are valued very highly for bouquets; deep rose color, sometimes bright rosy crimson; splendid for outdoor cultivation.

**Captain Lefort**—Color rich violet crimson, softly tinted with fine rosy-salmon; elegant long pointed buds; lovely for cutting.

**Catherine Mermet**—One of the finest Roses grown. Its buds are inimitable, faultless in form and charming in every shade of color, from the purest silvery-rose to the exquisite combining of yellow and rose, which illumines the base of the petals.

**Charles Legrady**.—This splendid Rose is almost unexcelled for general planting, particularly for bedding purposes; color fine chamois-red richly shaded with violet crimson; very sweet and a constant bloomer, extra fine.

**Clothilde Soupert**—The color is a French white, deepening to a rosy blush in the center, exceeding in distinctness of shadings the well known Malmaison. Its greatest value lies in its compact, vigorous habit, and wonderful profusion of bloom, even the smallest plants being literally covered with flowers.

**Comtesse Eva Starhemberg**—Flowers full; color creamy yellow with buff and ochre-yellow center; petals bordered and edged with rose.

**Comtesse de Lebarthe**—Exquisite perfume, beautiful coloring and a matchless profusion of flowers and growth. The color is a soft light rose, with heavy shading of amber and salmon.

**Comtesse Riza du Parc**.—The flowers are handsome in form and strangely colored; the color is a clear, but deep carmine, with shadings of copper color and an undertinge of yellow. Profuse bloomer.

**Cornelia Cook**.—The buds are of immense size, borne up high on massive stems, and with their round, full, heavy form, carry an air of grace and dignity quite unusual. The flowers are of the clearest, snowiest white.

**Charles Rovolti**—A charming Tea Rose. Large globular flowers; full and sweet; color a lovely shade of brilliant carmine, changing to silver rose; center and base of petals clear golden-yellow.

**Dr. Grill**—Coppery-yellow, with a fawn rose reflex; back of petals shaded china rose; an entirely new color. Large, well formed flowers of good shape.

**General de Tartas**—A first-class Rose for bedding. Brilliant carmine, deeply shaded with violet purple; extra large; very double, full and fragrant.

**Jules Finger**—A magnificent Rose; elegant and valuable; the color is bright rosy-scarlet, beautifully shaded with intense crimson.

**Luciole**—A grandly beautiful Rose; the flowers are extra large, somewhat cupped form, but quite full and double; color clear cherry red, with rich golden yellow center, elegantly shaded; delightfully perfumed.



**Etoile de Lyon**—This magnificent Tea Rose, south of the Ohio river, has proved to be perfectly hardy. Blooms in the greatest profusion, and each bud is a gem. The flowers are very large, double, full and deliciously fragrant. The color is a beautiful chrome-yellow, deepening at center to pure golden yellow.

**Jean Pernet**—Light yellow, suffused salmon; beautiful buds. Magnificent variety.

**Joseph Metral**—Extra large flowers, very full; deep carnation red, passing to cherry-carmine or magenta; a good, healthy grower and abundant bloomer.

**Mad. Honore Defresne**—Extra large, full, sweet flowers; color clear golden yellow; petals elegantly reflexed; strong grower, thick foliage; excellent for open ground.

 We invite Comparison of Our Prices with those of any other Reliable Company.





Marechal Neil.

(Boquet List Continued.)

**MARECHAL NEIL.**

A Rose so famous as to really require no description. Its magnificent golden-yellow buds are worn the world over. It is almost universally held to be the finest climber for indoors or out, where the climate admits of its cultivation. This is one of the Roses that starts rather slowly, and for that reason the best success will be had with the plants priced at 25 cents, although one of our customers wrote us from Louisiana that a small ten cent Marechal Neil bought of us in the Spring, made strong shoots thirty feet in height by Fall.

**Mad. Jennie Cuvier**—An elegant and charming new Tea Rose. Petals creamy white, shaded at the tips with bright carmine. The buds are long and pointed. A beautiful Rose.

**Madame Margottin**—Citron-yellow, with a beautiful peach shading in the center; large and double to the center. A beautiful Rose.

**Madame Welch**—The color is a beautiful amber yellow, delicately tinged and shaded with ruby-crimson. The flower is extra large, fine, globular form; very double, full and exceedingly sweet.

**Marie Guillot**—Perfection in form. The flower is very large and double to the center. We regard it as the best white Tea Rose for all purposes.

**Mademoiselle Francisca Kruger**—A treasure for those who are fond of rare shades in yellow. The Rose is somewhat variable, but always a deep yellow.

**Mademoiselle Cecile Berthod**—A grand Rose. Beautiful buds; large, double and full; delicious tea fragrance; deep clear yellow.

**Marie Van Houtte**—Pale yellow, edge of petals often lined with rose; well formed, of good habit, and in every respect a most charming sort. The finest Tea for outdoor culture.

**Monsieur Furtado**—Bright sulphur-yellow; well formed; very full. A fine double yellow Rose, with thick petals.

**Madame Ph. Kuntz**—Clear bright pink; reverse of petals silvery, pink center, elegantly shaded salmon-yellow, some times flushed with crimson, deliciously sweet, very attractive and pretty.

Don't fail to notice the "United States" plant collection on page 7. A wonderful bargain.



**BOUQUET LIST—Continued.**

**New Tea Rose, Madame Elie Lambert**—A wonderful, beautiful new Tea Rose. The flowers are extra large, fine globular form, very full and well built up. The color is somewhat in the way of Madame de Watteville, but deeper; rich creamy-white, faintly tinted with pale golden-yellow, and exquisitely bordered and shaded with soft rosy-flesh; exceedingly beautiful and very sweet; petals large and of good substance; constant and profuse bloomer; strong, vigorous and healthy grower.

**New Tea Rose, May Rivers**—A strong, vigorous plant, flowers large and full; color a creamy-white, marked with pink, verging into a deeper shade of pink; center a reddish apricot-yellow.

**Madame de Watteville**—One of the most remarkably beautiful Rose ever introduced. This is the "Tulip Rose," so called in Europe because of the feathery shading of bright rose around the edge of every petal, the body of the petal being creamy-white and of heavy texture.

**Madame Sadie Carnot**—Blossoms in large clusters; fine, moderately full flowers; clear, bright, cherry-red, passing to magenta.

**Madame Jules Cambon**—A lovely new Tea Rose, with large, handsome flowers; very pretty and sweet; color salmon rose, passing to clear pink, with carnation shading, rich and handsome.

**Maurice Rouvier**—The color is bright tinkish-rose, tinted with shades of buff, veined with deep crimson, while many of the petals have a wide border of silvery white; strong grower and prolific bloomer.

**Mrs. James Wilson**—This beautiful novelty resembles in form the superb Rose Catherine Mermet. The flowers are deep lemon-yellow, changing to white; the border of the petals tipped with rose. A most popular bloomer and suitable either for pot culture or for growing in the open ground.

**Mlle l'Perreau**—A splendid new Rose. The flowers are very large, full and double; the shape is very round and beautiful; color beautiful rosy-flesh, passing to clear pink, on white ground, with rich crimson center. A strong grower and profuse bloomer. Delightfully perfumed.

**Princess de Sagan**—A Rose of great beauty; the color is fine, rich, velvety-crimson; unusually handsome and attractive; it blooms quickly and abundantly, makes beautiful buds. Unexcelled in its color for outdoor planting.



Papa Gontier.



Mad. de Watteville.

**Papa Gontier**—Large, finely formed buds and flowers, fragrant. This variety will be much sought after on account of its beautiful and full buds for wearing and vases. The flowers are large and long, with thick, broad petals of a dark carmine crimson, changing to pale rose. A bunch of flowers, when fully opened, is almost equal to a bunch of Hybrids, as the inside, instead of being pale and faded, is a bright rosy-carmine. A splendid Summer Rose.

**Princess Hohenzollern**—Extra large, perfectly formed flowers; very full and double; highly perfumed; color, a handsome shade of bright peach-red, passing to rich crimson; finely shaded.

**Souv. de la Malmaison**—This grand old variety, when used as a bedding Rose in Summer, has no equal, as it produces the most perfect flowers in the hottest weather. Its rich, flesh-colored flowers are of immense size, double to the center, are produced in abundance, and have the requisite form and substance to withstand our hot, dry Summers; exquisitely fragrant; a noble Rose.

**Triomphe de Luxembourg**—Rosy-carmine, finely nerved and shaded with salmon; the buds are very handsome; flowers free in growth; one of the best old sorts.

**Therese Levet**—A very beautiful Rose; a genuine red Tea; pure, clear crimson, assuming a slight cast of purple as the flower ages. The bloom bears a considerable resemblance to Catherine Mermet in form; each petal shows at the center of its margin a decided point, which gives the flower a clear-cut appearance. Its odor is powerful and delicious.

**Souvenir de Francois Gaulain**—This is an unusual and highly remarkable color for a Tea Rose; bright rich velvety crimson, very dark and exceedingly handsome; large, full flowers, very fragrant; an early and constant bloomer.

**White Bon Silene**—Noted for its splendid buds, which are wonderfully large and handsome; the color is a rich, creamy-white; very beautiful.

**Waban**—A valuable Rose, originated at the Waban Conservatories, Massachusetts, from which it takes its name; it is a sport from that excellent old Rose, Catherine Mermet, and identical with it in every characteristic except color, which is a rich, deep bright pink, much brighter and more durable than Mermet, but has the same beauty of form, and is a more abundant bloomer; has proved very valuable for forcing under glass, and is believed equally good for open-ground planting.

**SPECIAL OFFER NO. 1.**

For a remittance of \$3.00 we will send free by mail, the above "Bouquet List" of forty-seven Roses, costing at Catalogue prices, \$4.70. NO FURTHER DISCOUNT.

**SPECIAL OFFER NO. 2.**

For \$5.00 we will send the "Bouquet List" in large two-year-old plants, by express, purchaser's cost. These plants are too large to be sent by mail. Here is a grand chance for a yard full of Roses.



# Ever-Blooming Tea Roses.

## Standard List for General Planting.

The Ever-Blooming Teas form a very important group, and are universally regarded as the most desirable and valuable Roses for general culture; the demand for them far exceeds that of any other class. They commence to flower almost as soon as planted, and continue throughout the entire season, the blooms increasing in size and beauty until Autumn. The varieties included in the following Standard List are recognized as the leading sorts for general culture; they combine all the more pronounced features of the class with reference to qualities of vigor, profuseness and brilliancy of bloom.

We here offer 46 varieties of Ever-Blooming Tea Roses at the low price of 8c. each; any 8 for 50c.; two-year-old, 20c. each.

**Abbe Roustan**—Large, full flowers, very double and sweet; color, beautiful creamy-white, shaded with rosy-blush; sometimes tinged with purplish-red.

**Andre Schwartz**—"The True Tea Jacqueminot;" the color is brilliant, glowing scarlet, passing to rich crimson; very bright and striking; a constant and profuse bloomer; flowers large, full and sweet.

**Anna Oliver**—A superb Rose; very large, full form, very double and good substance; color, lovely creamy-blush, shaded with deep carmine, tinged and edged with silvery rose; very fragrant.

**Bougere**—This is a superb Rose; extra large, very double and full; exceedingly sweet tea-scent; color, bronze rose or violet crimson, delicately shaded with lilac.

**Baronne Henriette de Loew**—Remarkably beautiful and handsome; flowers medium size, very double and full, and borne in large clusters; color, clear silver-rose, center finely shaded with canary yellow; reverse of petals bright pink; a constant and profuse bloomer.

**General Schablekine**—Rich glowing crimson; large well formed flowers; highly tea-scented; esteemed for its constant Winter-blooming qualities.

**Canary**—Light canary-yellow; beautiful buds and flowers; very fragrant.

**Clement Nabonnand**—Charming buds and beautiful flowers; color, coppery-gold, elegantly flushed with purplish-crimson; a constant and profuse bloomer.

**Duchesse Marie Salviati**—This is a grand Rose, of an attractive color, beautiful chrome yellow, elegantly tinged with orange, passing to buff, prettily flushed with pale rose; buds and outer petals exquisite orange-red. The flowers extra large, quite full and very sweet.

**Duchess of Edinburg**—In great demand for its lovely buds, and remarkable for its beautiful color, which is the most intense glowing crimson imaginable.

**Devoniensis (Magnolia Rose)**—Beautiful creamy-white, with rosy center; large, full and double.

**Douglass**—Dark, rich crimson; buds of good shape; very free flowering; highly recommended. A valuable variety for house culture.

**Ernest Metz**—Fine, large, full flowers, and beautiful long-pointed buds; color, clear satiny-pink, edged with blush, the center flamed with crimson.

**David Pradel**—Large and full, lilac rose, fine, strong grower, worthy of a place in any collection.



Madame Jean Sisley.

**Edmund de Blauzat**—A strong, vigorous grower, with fine, leathery foliage and erect shoots. The petals are thick in texture, but rather short; color, peach, tinged with salmon and pink. Excellent reports come to us of this Rose from south of the Ohio, where its profusion of bloom has been very noticeable.

**Georges Farber**—Surely a very charming Rose. Medium to large size flowers, somewhat irregular form, but full and well filled, and borne on long stems; color, rich orange-red, having a deep velvety-gloss and changeable effect, very noticeable and distinct. A constant bloomer and very sweet.

**Gustave Nadaud**—Very striking and peculiar, rich brown citron red or dark terra cotta, lightened with coppery-rose and bright orange-red; medium size; full and handsome.

**G. Nabonnand**—A fine, large, new Tea Rose, very striking and remarkably delicate in its shading. Flowers large and nicely formed; petals unusually large; color, rosy-carmine, shaded with silvery yellow. A strong and vigorous grower.

**Jeanne de Or**—A beautiful flower; yellow, clouded with fawn; globular, very full and double; delicious tea fragrance.

**Jeanne Guillaumez**—A vigorous grower; flowers large and double, of good form, with beautiful long buds. Color, clear red, touched with salmon; center coppery-red, with pale silvery shadings. Received first-class certificate from the Lyons Horticultural Society.

**Louis Richard**—A superb Rose imported from France; extra large size; splendid, full form, very double; delicious tea-scent; color rich coppery-rose, changing to buff, shaded with carmine; center sometimes brilliant rosy-crimson.

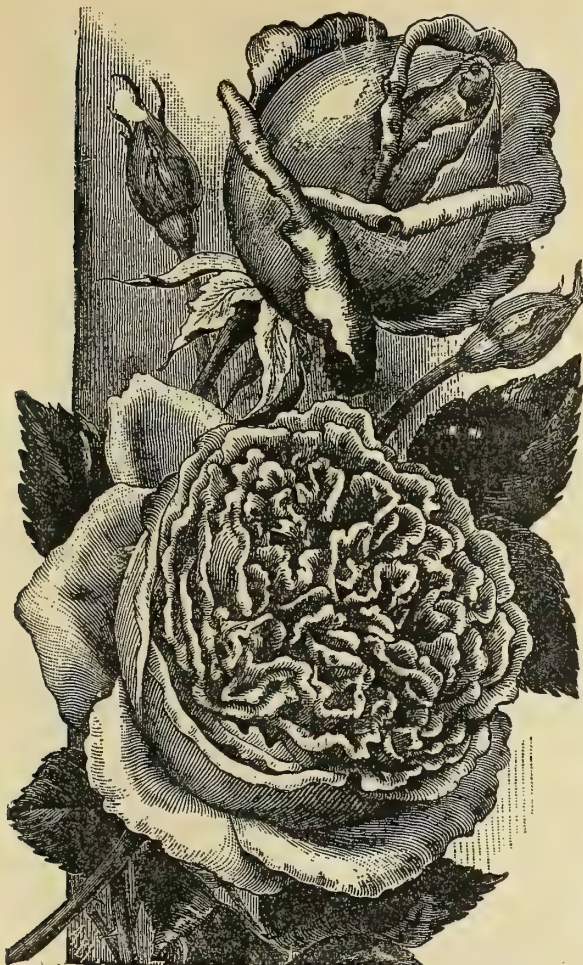
**L'Elegante**—New, of medium size, full, good shape; color, vivid rose, center yellow, shaded striped with white, very free blooming; truly an elegant variety.

**Lady Castlereagh**—Large flowers, with thick, lasting petals; very desirable; color, pale rose, shaded with fine sulphur-yellow; exceedingly handsome and fragrant.

**Lady Zoe Broughman**—Brilliant fawn yellow, darker on the edges of the petals; flowers large, full and imbricated, and of good shape, with long buds. A pretty and unique colored rose, handsome in bud. A variety of rare merit on account of its color.

**Mad. Jean Sisley**—This is a splendid pot Rose, blooming very freely; flowers of fine shape, outer petals finely imbricated. Color, pure white, equally as valuable for outdoor culture as for pots; distinct and fine.





**Mad. Philemon Cochet.**  
(*Everblooming Tea Roses continued.*)

**Madame Philemon Cochet**—Profuse bloomer, the flower always coming on a long stem. The bloom is of medium size, semi-double and a delicate pink, with shell-shaped petals.

**Mad. Falcot**—Fine apricot yellow, with beautiful orange buds; much valued for bouquets; tea scented; a constant bloomer; of medium size and fullness.

**Mad. Agathe Nabonnand**—This superbly beautiful Rose resembles in color the delicate hues seen in the inside of the fairest deep-sea shells; rosy flesh, bathed in golden amber; immense egg-shaped buds; broad shell-like petals, and large full flowers; exceedingly sweet.

**Mad. Scipion Cochet**—Beautiful, creamy rose, with deep crimson center; flowers large; very sweet.

**Mad. Lambard**—A first-class Rose for bedding; extra large, full flowers; very double and sweet; color a beautiful shade of rosy bronze, passing to salmon and fawn, beautifully shaded with carmine; an elegant Rose.

**Mad. Bravy**—One of the most beautiful Roses in our collection. The flowers are large and round; the outside of buds is creamy and soft, with a most charming blush tinge to the center, and the arrangement of the inner petals is seldom equaled for beauty. Delicious tea scent.

Bakersfield, Cal., Oct. 2, 1895.

THE G. H. MELLENS CO. :

I beg to acknowledge receipt of my second order of plants. They came this morning and are as fresh as if they had just come from the greenhouse. C. W.

Oswego, N. Y., July 11, 1895.

THE G. H. MELLENS CO. :

The Plants arrived in good condition, and gave entire satisfaction, to my club. They were much pleased at size of plants, for the price, and all wish me to send for more next Spring.

Yours Respectfully,  
LOUISE E.

**Mad. Joseph Schwartz**—A lovely Tea Rose; extra large, globular flowers, very full and sweet; color pure white; tinged and shaded with pale yellow and rosy blush; very beautiful Rose; constant and profuse bloomer.

**Madame Remond**—A superb Rose, from France. Extra large size, full form, very double; delicious tea scent; color rich coppery rose, changing to bluff, shaded with carmine; center sometimes brilliant rosy crimson.

**Madame Caroline Kuster**—Bright lemon yellow; very large and handsomely shaped. One of the finest Roses. Very free flowering. When its wood has one been hardened it bears buds as large and handsome as Marechal Neil.

**Marechal Robert**—Full globular flowers, very double and deliciously sweet; color pure white, faintly tinged and shaded with soft blush and lemon yellow.

**Marquise de Vivens**—A novel shade of rich violet crimson, with center and base of petals creamy yellow, exquisitely tinted salmon and fawn; large, full flowers; very sweet and a constant and profuse bloomer.

**Princess Sarsina**—Fine flesh-colored Rose of good form and substance; base of petals finely tinged with apricot yellow, center shaded rich peachy red, very pretty and desirable for general planting.

**Reine Emma des Pays Bas**—Bright yellow, shaded with red-dish salmon, large, full flowers, very fragrant, an elegant variety.

**Souvenir de Rambaux**—Color rich, rosy cream, with yellow shading; medium sized flowers, of perfect form, of moderate growth, but usually free flowering.

**Safrano**—Bright, apricot yellow, changing to orange and fawn, sometimes tinted with rose; valued highly for its beautiful buds; fragrant and a rampant grower; exceedingly profuse in bloom, and deliciously tea scented. Should be in every collection.

**Sambreuil**—This magnificent variety has immense, finely formed flowers of beautiful white, tinged with delicate rose; buds large and full, blooming in clusters. A grand and beautiful rose when in full bloom.

**Souv. de Victor Hugo**—A splendid ever-blooming Rose, introduced from France; large, tulip-shaped flowers, delightfully scented, and a very free bloomer; color lovely citron red, with beautiful amber and fawn shading.

**Souvenir d' Auguste Legros**—Extra large flowers; solid, regular form, clear, bright pink- shaded carmine with fiery-center.

**Susanne Blanchet**—Foliage large, erect in growth, with beautiful new shoots, very highly colored. In shape similar to the old Provence Rose, with delightful fragrance; color, outer petals clear, flesh white, with deep, flesh center; a rose of decided merit.

**Vallee de Chamounix**—The coloring of this Rose is simply exquisite, the base and back of petals is a bright yellow, the center highly colored with glowing copper and rose.



A half blown bud of Souv. de Mad. Pernet.

**Souvenir de Mad. Pernet**—Large, bold flowers; full form; very double and sweet; color soft, rosy crimson, tinged and shaded with clear yellow.



# The Three Hermosa Roses.

## WHITE HERMOSA,

Or Marie Lambert.

Pure white. It has been called the White Hermosa, as it resembles Hermosa in form and freedom of bloom, and is quite as valuable; for though no claim has been made for it as a fancy Rose, its persistence in bloom will make it a very popular white variety for bedding or for pots. This Rose is fast becoming popular, as there is no better white Rose. Our sales of this Rose the past Spring were upwards of twenty thousand. It is the finest blooming white Rose we offer. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old plants, 25 cts.

## YELLOW HERMOSA,

Or Coquette de Lyon.

This is a most charming yellow Tea Rose, a grand grower, has elegant buds, and is so free in flower as to be called the Yellow Hermosa. This is the best blooming pure Yellow Rose in our catalogue. We sold of this Rose the past Spring ten thousand plants. It is a Rose that will please all. Price, 15 cents; large, two-year-old plants, 25 cents each.

## PINK HERMOSA,

Everybody knows this famous variety. As hardy as an oak, and always covered with its elegant clear pink blooms. There is not a shade of color of any kind to mar its purity. We doubt if any Rose ever grown will take its place. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old plants, 25 cents each.



White Hermosa.

## The Polyantha,

Or Fairy Roses.

The Polanthas are a lovely and distinct class of ever-blooming Roses, distinguished by their dwarf, bushy habit of growth, medium size and very double flowers, which are delightfully fragrant, and are borne in large clusters and masses, frequently seeming to cover the whole path with a sheet of bloom. Price, 6 cents each; two-year-old plants, 20 cents each.

**Eliza Chatelard**—Soft violet rose, penciled saffron; very full and distinct from all other Polyanthas.

**Etoile d'Or**—One of the best and prettiest of all. The flowers are medium size, very fragrant, full, round form, perfectly double, and borne in large clusters; color, pale chrome yellow, with rich citron red center; very striking and handsome, and entirely different from all others.

**Flora**—A charming new Polyantha Fairy Rose, and offered now for the first time. The flowers are quite large, very full and round, delightfully perfumed, and borne in immense clusters; the color is fine, ivory-white, delicately tinged with soft, rosy blush.

**Gloire de Polyantha**—A beautiful Fairy Rose. Flowers large, perfectly double and deliciously sweet color, citron rose, elegantly flushed pale carmine.

**George Pernet**—An elegant new Fairy Rose. Flowers medium size, very full, with fine, imbricated petals; lovely buff rose, delicately shaded lemon and fawn. Extra fine.

**Jeanne Drivon**—A lovely Fairy Rose. Perfect, full form, very double and pure white, faintly tinged with crimson.

**Little Red Pet**—A new miniature Rose of great beauty. Dark crimson flowers, equaling the Polyantha Roses in freedom of bloom. Fine for massing or pot culture. Blooms through the entire season.

**Mignonette**—A lovely Fairy Rose. Full, regular flowers, perfectly double, deliciously perfumed; color, clear pink, passing to white, tinged pale rose.

**Mademoiselle Cecile Brunner**—The flowers are salmon pink, with deep salmon center, borne in large clusters, and deliciously perfumed, an exquisite miniature Rose for floral work, bouquets, etc.

**Perle d'Or**—Charming and very distinct. Color, copper gold, changing to fawn and salmon; flat-rayed very double and elegantly perfumed.

**Parquerette**—Flowers are pure white, about one inch in diameter, flowering in clusters of from five to fifty blooms; very full, prettily formed, recalling blossoms of the double flowering cherry. It has a peculiarly delicious perfume that is exquisite.

**SPECIAL OFFER:** The three Hermosas sent free by mail for 35c.; 2-year-old plants, 60c.



A Vase of Polyantha Roses.

Don't lose sight of our liberal club offers on page 1.



# Climbing Teas and Noisette Roses

**H**ERE we have a class that combine the Noisette and Climbing Tea Roses. In the latter class are found such vigorous growing varieties as Marechal Neil. In the South and California these are the Roses of all Roses, growing as no others grow, and enriching the entire Summer with their unstinted blooms. Their grace, luxurious foliage, and handsome flowers, please the most fastidious. This class is also quite useful in the North for growing in conservatories, pits and greenhouses, where they reward the extra care and protection by producing thousands of their magnificent blooms. Price, 6 cents each, except where otherwise noted; large, two-year-old plants, 20 cents.

**America**—An old Noisette Rose of strong and vigorous growth; very large and double, creamy-yellow to coppery-yellow.

**Claire Carnot**—Buff or orange-yellow, with peach blossom center; delightful tea scent, pretty and desirable.

**Climbing Devoniensis**—Identical in all respects with the Tea Rose, "Devoniensis," except it has the climbing habit; the flower of great size, very double; a magnificent variety.

**Chromatella, or Cloth of Gold**—A grand Rose for the South; clear bright yellow; very sweet and beautiful. It blooms rather sparingly, but makes up for this deficiency by being wonderfully beautiful. Price, 10 cents each.

**Climbing Duchess d'Auerstadt**—Extra large, full, regular flowers, clear golden-yellow, with shaded orange center; reverse of petals creamy-yellow.

**Climbing Perle des Jardins**—A sport from the well known favorite Perle des Jardins, and a Rose that will be of permanent value, either for growing indoors or in the open ground. The habit of growth is very vigorous, young plants often sending up shoots six to eight feet high, with rich, glossy foliage and bright red stems. The flowers are produced in wonderful profusion, and are deep canary-yellow. The buds and flowers are much larger than the parent variety. Price, 10 cents each.

**New Ever-Blooming Climbing Rose, Elsie Beauvillaine**—A variety recently imported from France which gives promise of becoming valuable, especially for Southern States, where it will be entirely hardy. It is a very rapid and strong grower, and produces deep buff-colored flowers, very similar in color to the well known Sunset.

**Estella Prade**—Lovely pure white buds; flowers medium size, full and sweet; profuse bloomer.

**Euphrosine**—Pale yellow orange tinge; a free bloomer; good grower; very fine sort.

**Fortune's Double Yellow**—Bronzed yellow or copper and fawn color. Very pretty and sweet.

**Fellenberg**—Rosy crimson; strong, vigorous grower; hardy.

**James Sprunt**—A grand Rose. Deep cherry-red; medium size, full, double and sweet; a strong grower and profuse bloomer. Price, 10 cents each.

**Lamarque**—White, with sulphur center, sometimes pure white; very large, full flowers, fragrant, and makes beautiful buds; an excellent Rose. Well established plants bear thousands of its beautiful white buds. Price, 10 cents each.

**Musk Cluster**—Creamy-white, medium size flowers in large clusters, with a delicate musk flavor; vigorous grower; excellent.

**Madame Louis Henry**—Pale, silver rose, elegantly shaded with buff and salmon; large and full; very fragrant.

**Ophir**—Nasturtium yellow, suffused with coppery-red; good size, double, a very distinct sort. Price, 10 cents each.

**Phale**—Soft, creamy-white deepening to rosy buff; amber center; very fragrant; large, double and fine.

**Reine Marie Henriette**—Flowers large, full and of fine form; color beautiful cherry-red, a pure shade; very double, very sweet; an extra fine sort, sometimes called red flowering "Gloire de Dijon." Price, 20 cents each.

**Reve d'Or**—A beautiful pillar Rose, being a strong climber; color orange-yellow or rosy-buff; good size, full and sweet; known also as "Golden Chain."

**Solfaterre**—Fine, clear sulphur-yellow; large, double, full and fragrant; an excellent climbing Rose; valuable.

**W. A. Richardson**—Branches strong and spreading; flowers of good size, full, of fine form; color orange-yellow; a new shade of Noisettes. Price, 10 cts. each.

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## TWO MAGNIFICENT HARDY EVER-BLOOMING CLIMBING ROSES.

### CAROLINE GOODRICH.

This new hardy climbing Rose has finely-formed flowers; very double, and its fragrance is most delicious; the color is the same as that of the well-known Jacqueminot. It makes a growth of from 12 to 15 feet in a season. Flowers freely till Fall. Constant. Also known as "Running General Jacqueminot." Price, 10 cents each; large plants, 25 cents.

### MARY WASHINGTON.

This famous old Rose was newly introduced to the public last year. The introducer gives the following interesting account of its origin and history. He says: "It is a historic fact that one hundred years ago George Washington, the greatest and most honored American that ever lived, raised in his garden at Mt. Vernon, a Seedling Rose which proved to be a hardy perpetual-blooming climber, producing large, double, snow-white blossoms in greatest profusion from June until frost. In this lovely Rose our first President took special delight, and named it after his mother, Mary Washington. The original bush can yet be seen growing in the grounds where its world-famed master planted it in his garden at Mt. Vernon. It is a strange thing that this most valuable of all Roses has stood a hundred years without ever being propagated or finding its way to the public, and aside from the fact that this Rose was raised and named by George Washington, it is one of the most valuable sorts that has been introduced for years. A hardy perpetual-blooming climber has long been needed. Its flowers are of medium size, pure white, perfectly double to the center, sweet and borne in endless numbers all Summer. It is a vigorous and rapid grower, and must at once become a general favorite. It makes a great profusion of fine buds, which are borne on long stems and usually in large clusters. One plant of Mary Washington will produce more flowers and buds than a dozen ordinary Roses." Its fragrance is tinged with old-fashioned musky flavor so much admired in olden times. Our offer here of fine, strong plants will therefore be appreciated by thousands in all parts of the country who would like some reminder or souvenir of that historic spot. Price, 10 cents each; large plants, 25 cents.

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 All Orders Are Filled Under Our Personal Supervision.



## 12 Varieties of Ever-Blooming Bourbon and China Roses.

The Bourbon and China Roses are mostly strong, vigorous growers, free and continuous bloomers. Many are noted for the large size of their flowers and brilliant colors; they are also the best Autumn bloomers, remaining in flower until approach of Winter. For pleasing and reliable varieties this family merits special recognition.

Price, 6 cents, except where noted. Two-year-old Plants, 20 cents each.



Queen's Scarlet.

**Alfred Aubert**—A vigorous grower and profuse bloomer, flowers as well shaped as "Hermosa," of a bright red color.

**Beau Carmine**—A splendid Rose for bedding; fine carmine red, very rich velvety color; flowers large, full and double; constant and profuse bloomer, fragrant and very desirable.

**Bourbon Queen**—A splendid Rose; large, fine form, very double, full and sweet; color, bright carmine, changing to clear rose; petals edged with pure white. 10 cents each.

**Comtesse de Barbantine**—Clear flesh-color, with deep crimson center; large, full form, very double and fragrant; a noble Rose. 10 cents each.

**Cramoisi Superior**—Medium size, rich dark velvety crimson, very double, full and beautiful; one of the best for bedding.

**Lucullus**—Beautiful dark crimson-maroon; large, full and fragrant, very double; a constant and profuse bloomer; extra good for outdoor culture.

**Marie Drevon**—A strong, rampant grower, producing fine, large, well formed flowers; color, a dark rosy-satin, shaded with flesh. A distinct and beautiful Rose. Will make a strong climbing variety in the South. Price, 10 cents.

**Monthly Cabbage**—This fine old variety is still in great demand; the flowers are bright rosy-pink, and remarkably full and fragrant; a constant bloomer; known also as the hundred-leaved Rose.

**Pink Daily**—Clear bright pink, medium size, full and double; fragrant; a constant bloomer.

**Purple China**—Rich purplish crimson, velvety, one of the most constant free blooming in the class.

**Souvenir De David**—Fine rich crimson, good grower, large full and fragrant; constant bloomer.

**Queen's Scarlet**—Very desirable and satisfactory; a constant and profuse bloomer; color rich velvety-scarlet; very brilliant and striking; excellent Rose for bedding, either in masses or mixed with other sorts. Price, 10 cents each.

## —Abridged List of Ever-Blooming Roses.—

At Hard Times Prices—6 cents each; large size, 20 cents.

**Alba Rosea**—Beautiful rose-colored center, shaded blush.

**Adam**—Bright flesh, salmon-rose, extra large and double.

**Bella**—Pure snow-white, long, pointed buds, tea-scented.

**Baron de Wrijs**—Beautiful pale blush-rose, tinged with carnation red; flowers large, full and fragrant.

**Doctor Berthet**—Silvery-pink and dark carmine, passing to rosy crimson.

**Enfant de Lyon**—An elegant mingling of pink and yellow.

**Isabella Sprunt**—Lemon-yellow; a gem.

**Le Pactole**—Elegant buds, color pale sulphur-yellow.

**Louisa de la Rive**—A flesh-white, inclining to a rose center.

**La Grandeur**—Lilac-rose, or soft rosy-carmine.

**La Princess Vera**—Pale flesh, changing to salmon.

**La Sylphide**—Blush, with fawn center, very large and double.

**Lady Warrender**—Pure white, sometimes shaded with rose.

**Madame Damazin**—Salmon-rose color, changing to amaranth.

**Madame Dennis**—Waxy-white, center fawn and flesh. Large.

**Miss Wenn**—A clear coral-pink, bright and lovely. Extra.

**Mad. Lauretta Messemy**—Color, bright China-pink, with rich coppery-yellow shading.

**Marie Duchere**—Rich, transparent salmon, with fawn center.

**Madame Pauline Labonte**—Salmon-rose, large, full and sweet.

**Max Singer**—Bright, clear, glowing pink.

**Marie Pavie**—Pale-flesh, or creamy-white, finely flushed with rose.

**Premium de Charrissiens**—Bright carmine-rose, fawn center.

**Rubens**—White, shaded with rose, yellowish center.

**Regulus**—Brilliant carmine, with purple and rose shading.

**Souvenir d'Elise Vardon**—A creamy-white, shaded with pink.

**Souvenir d'un Ami**—Fine, delicate rose, shaded with salmon.

**Viscountess de Wautier**—Mingling of blush, yellow, white, red.

**White Daily**—Pure white, with beautiful long, pointed buds.



Souv. d'un Ami.

Please use our order sheet in ordering. We will send as many as you can use.



# HARDY HYBRID PERPETUAL ROSES.

**T**HE Hybrid Perpetuals, or "June Roses," as they are commonly called, are [the hardest of all Roses, standing the cold winters of the North. After once planted they require but little care, increasing in size and beauty each year. They are covered with bloom in June, although they bloom considerably through the Summer and Fall, but the greatest profusion of bloom is to be seen in June, being a mass of solid color. One collection of this class of Roses comprises such varieties as are most valuable. They are strong plants, grown on their own roots, and will grow and give a profusion of fragrant bloom.



## EIGHT OF THE VERY BEST HARDY ROSES.

### KING OF SWEDEN.

This wonderful new Hybrid Perpetual Rose was raised in France. It is an extra strong, vigorous grower; flowers large and double, and of the darkest velvety crimson-black color yet seen in any Rose. It is very sweet scented and of perfect shape, and the richest colored sort yet introduced. It blooms when very small. Fine Plants, 15 cents each; extra large plants, 30 cents each.

### ANNA ALEXIEFF.

Very double and full, exceedingly sweet; noted for its clear bright pink colors. Price, 15 cents; two-year-old plants, 25 cents.

### GENERAL JACQUEMINOT.

Bright shining crimson, very rich and velvety; exceedingly brilliant and handsome; makes magnificent buds, and is highly esteemed as one of the best and most desirable for open ground, and also for forcing. Price, 10 cents, two-year-old plants, 25 cents.

### New Hardy Rose, GLOIRE DE MARGOTTIN.

This grand new Hybrid Perpetual Rose originated in Europe, and is believed to be one the very finest varieties of recent years. The flowers are very large and of symmetrical form, somewhat globular, very full and deliciously scented. The color is a clear, dazzling red. Certainly one of the most brilliant Roses ever seen. It is a free bloomer and vigorous grower, and is recommended for great beauty and wonderful color. Price, 15c. each; large two-year-old plants, 40c. each.

### VICK'S CAPRICE.

Its great beauty it is impossible to describe. It is a Hybrid Perpetual, commencing to bloom when very small, and producing flowers of enormous size, which are perfectly double to the center, and of perfect form. It is very fragrant, and its color is a deep satiny pink with numerous wide stripes of pure white, making the most odd and unique Rose in cultivation. Fine plants, 15 cents; large plants, 25 cents.

### New Hardy Rose, SILVER QUEEN.

Silvery-blush, shaded in the center with a delicate rosy-pink, very distinct, large and full, of beautiful cupped form, and produced in great profusion, every shoot being crowded with a flower bud. foliage handsome, and habit unusually good, the flowers standing well above the foliage. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old plants, 40 cents each.

### New Hardy Rose, M. L. DE VILMORIN.

A strong grower, flowers large and double, and of especially fine form. Clear bright red, with dark veinings and shadings of velvety-brown. A variety of the very highest order. Price, 15 cents each; large two-year-old plants, 25 cents each.

### New Hardy Rose, CAPTAIN CHRISTY.

The flowers are of magnificent form, very double and stand erect in their martial bearing. The color is a fresh, delicate pink, with deeper shading in the center of the flower, the whole flower possessing a bright, satiny appearance. A desirable variety. Certainly the most beautiful Rose of this color we grow. It is a free bloomer. Price, 15 cents each; large two-year-old plants, 40 cents each.

**ALL OUR PLANTS ARE PLAINLY LABELED WITH A PRINTED LABEL.**



# Six Hardy White Roses.

SUITABLE FOR CEMETERY PLANTING,

## BALL OF SNOW.

(*Boule de Neige*.) A finely formed, pure white Rose, occasionally shows light flesh when first opening. Beautiful shell-shaped petals, evenly arranged, flowers of good size. 15 cents; two-year-old plants, 30 cents.

## COQUETTE DES ALPS.

A lovely pure white Rose. Very full and free in flower. Delicious fragrance. 15 cents each; two-year-old plants, 30cts.

## MADAME PLANTIER.

One of the old June Roses, at which time it is literally covered with pure white, perfectly double, fragrant flowers, which hang on for a long time. Makes large, dense bushes. As hardy as an oak. A beautiful cemetery Rose; one of the best for forming hedges. 15 cents each; two-year-old plants, 30 cents.

## LADY EMILY PEEL.

A charming Rose, medium size and full regular form; very sweet; color, pearl white, sometimes faintly tinged and shaded with pale rosy blush. 15 cents each; two-year-old plants, 30 cents.

## Mad. Alfred de Rougemont.

A strong, vigorous grower, begins to bloom at once, and continues until stopped by severe freezing; pure snow-white flowers, finely tinged and clouded with pale rosy blush; large, full and double, and borne in large clusters; fragrant and good. 15 cents each; two-year-old plants, 30 cents.

## PERLE DES BLANCHES.

A truly elegant Rose, very full and double and delightfully perfumed; color, pure ivory white, sometimes clouded with pale blush and tinged with amber. 15 cents; large, two-year-old plants, 30 cents.



Ball of Snow.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—The set of 6 for 75 cents. Large, two-year-old plants, \$1.25. No further discount.

# Six Nearest Black Hardy Roses.

## BARON DE BONSTETTEN.

Splendid large flowers; very double, and full; color rich, dark red, passing to deep velvety-maroon; highly scented and beautiful. Price, 15 cents each; two-year-old plants, 30 cents.

## New Hardy Rose, EARL OF DUFFERIN.

Fine, velvety-crimson, beautifully shaded with dark, rich maroon, very large, full, and finely formed. Fragrant, and a free bloomer. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old plants, 30 cents each.

## PRINCE CAMILLE de ROHAN.

Very dark, rich, velvety-crimson, passing to intense maroon, shaded black. Large, full flowers, looking, at a little distance, as if really black. One of the darkest Roses. Very handsome. Price, 15 cents each; two-year-old plants, 30 cents each.

## LEOPOLD PREMIER.

A superb Hybrid Perpetual Rose, very dark red, shaded with crimson, very large, full flowers, delightfully perfumed, good, bushy habit, a hardy and vigorous grower, and free bloomer. One of the very best dark Roses. Price, 15 cents; two-year-old plants, 30c.

## New Hardy Rose, Gloire de l'Exposition Bruxelles.

Flowers finely formed, large and perfectly double. Color, bright crimson of velvety texture. A Rose of unusual merit. We are pleased with it. One of the very best new Hybrid Roses of last year's importations. Price, 15 cents; large, two-year-old plants, 30cts.

## LOUIS VAN HOUTTE.

Rich crimson, heavily shaded with maroon. A beautiful flower. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old plants, 30 cents.

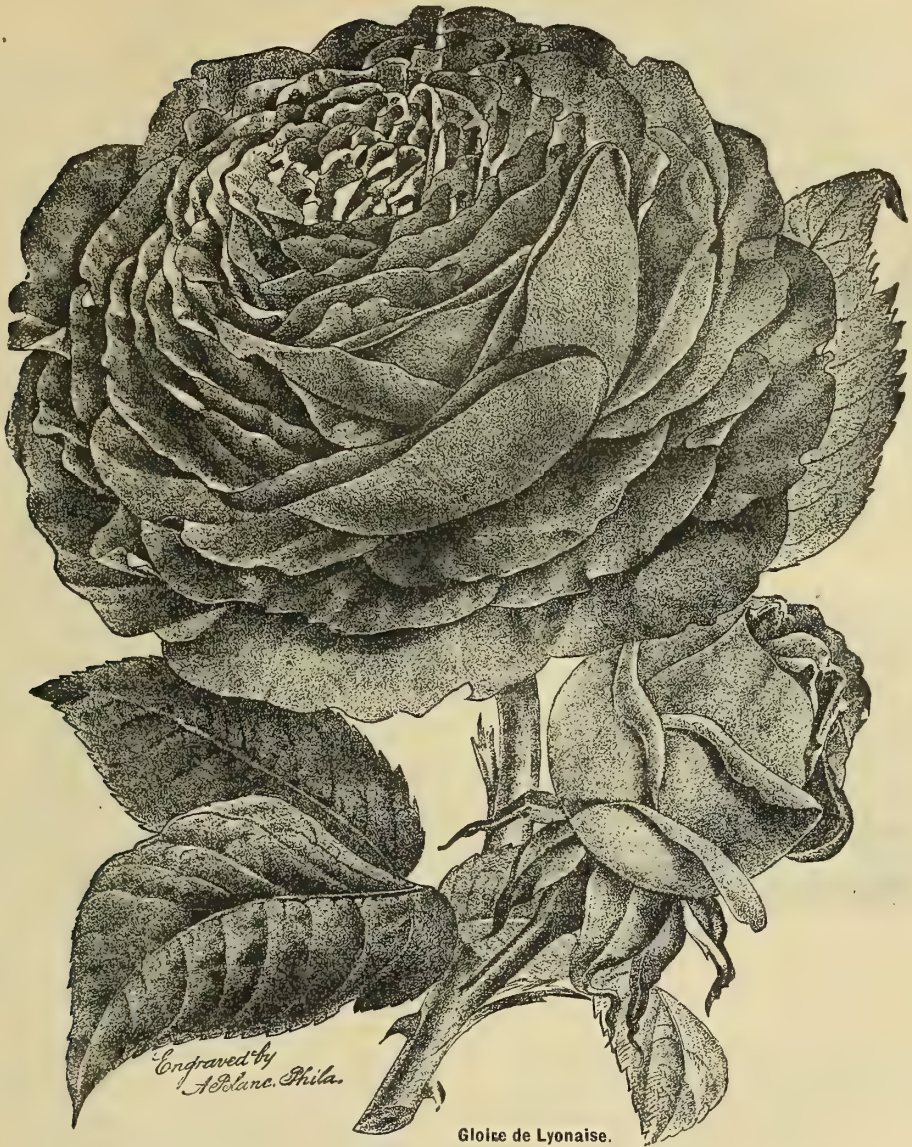


Baron de Bonstetten.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—This set of Six Black Hardy Roses, postpaid, for 75 cents; large, two-year-old plants, \$1.25. No further discount.

Unless otherwise stated, we send plants and seeds free by mail to any postoffice.





Gloire de Lyonnaise.

**NEW HARDY YELLOW ROSE,****GLOIRE DE LYONNAISE.**

This grand Rose is the only yellow Hybrid Perpetual we have. It cannot be called deep yellow, but rather a pale shade of chamois or salmon-yellow, deepest at center, sometimes passing to a rich creamy-white, finely tinted orange and fawn. The flowers have all the beauty of Tea Roses, are large and full and delightfully sweet. This we consider one of the very best Roses we have ever seen. It will be sure to delight you. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old plants, 30 cents each.

**New Hardy Rose, Paul Neyron.**

Deep shining Rose, very fresh and pretty. Flowers large, often measuring five inches in diameter, and it has this merit—though very large, the buds always develop fine, perfect Roses. It is, moreover, a good, strong grower, with nice, almost thornless stems, which often grow six and seven feet in a single season. We know of no Rose possessing so many good points to recommend itself as the Paul Neyron. Grown by thousands in the eastern cities, for its good, free-blooming qualities. Price, 15 cents; extra large plants, 30 cents.

**Hardy Rose, Anna de Diesbach.**

(Glory of Paris.) Brilliant crimson, sometimes shaded with bright maroon, long, pointed buds, and large, finely-formed, compact flowers, very full and sweet. One of the best. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old plants, 30 cents.

**New Hardy Rose, Ali Pacha Cheriff.**

This we recommend as a very fine variety. The flowers are extra large, full, globular form, and deliciously perfumed. The color is a bright vermillion-red, rich and velvety, delicately clouded with crimson. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old plants, 30 cents each.

**Hardy Ever-Blooming Rose, Madame Masson.**

An excellent Hybrid Perpetual, noted for its constant and profuse bloom. The flowers are large; color, a clear, bright Rose, highly perfumed. One of the best for planting. This Rose is a very superb variety, and should be more generally known. Try it. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old plants, 30 cents each.

**Hardy Rose, Empress of India.**

One of the best garden Roses ever introduced. An imperial Rose in every way. It is one of the very darkest of all Roses. The flowers are large, full and fragrant, and of the most intense dark, rich, velvety-crimson imaginable. They are so dark, in fact, that at a little distance they look almost black. Very rare and handsome, and always greatly admired. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old plants, 30 cents.

**JOHN HOPPER.**

One of the most reliable and satisfactory Hybrid Perpetuals ever grown. Flowers are large, very regular and full; color, a brilliant Rose, changing to a bright, glowing pink, shaded with rich scarlet. Very sweet, and a profuse bloomer. Price, 15 cents each; large, two-year-old plants, 30 cents each.

If you are in any way dissatisfied with the filling of your order, let us know at once, we will try to make it right with you.





**MRS. JOHN LAING.**  
HARDY,  
FRAGRANT  
and  
FREE BLOOMING.

This is, we believe, the finest hardy Rose of its color ever offered. It is an exquisite shade of shell-like pink, deliciously fragrant, of the largest size and, like the "Dinsmore," is entirely hardy and ever-blooming. No collection of Roses is complete if it does not contain **Mrs. John Laing**.

PRICE, 15 CENTS EACH.  
Large two-year-old, - 25 cents.

#### New Hardy Rose, MAD. ROCHFONTAINE.

Splendid large full flowers with broad shell-like petals; very double and fragrant; color bright rosy flesh passing to clear pink, elegantly tinted with blush. Price, 15 cents.

#### ANTOINE QUIHON.

Extra large flowers, very full, compact and regular form. Color a rich, violet crimson, elegantly tinged and shaded with maroon red, a free bloomer, and very sweet.

#### New Hardy Rose, FRANCOIS LEVET.

A very beautiful Rose; soft China pink, delicately shaded carmine and blush; large finely formed flowers; delightfully fragrant.

#### DOCTOR HOGG.

Deep violet-crimson, richly shaded with maroon, shell-shaped petals, full, compact form, very double and desirable.

#### SOUV. DE CHARLES MONTAULT.

An old garden rose and still good. Rich velvety red heavily shaded with crimson. Vigorous and free flowering

#### GIANT OF BATTLES.

Brilliant crimson, large, very double and sweet. A splendid autumn bloomer and an old and much esteemed variety.

#### LA REINE.

Beautiful, clear, bright rose; fine full form; large and fragrant. It is well named "The Queen."

#### ROSERISTE HARMS.

Flowers extra large and fragrant; very double and full; color brilliant scarletly red.

#### MLLE. MARIE RADY.

Clear, bright red, finely penciled with rich maroon; very large, full flowers; fragrant and beautiful.

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#### Hardy Roses

AT 10 CTS. EACH,

(Except where otherwise noted.)

LARGE TWO-YEAR-OLD PLANTS, 25c.

#### New Hardy Rose,

#### Comte de Paris.

A new Rose of great promise, bright, vivid, poppy crimson when first opening, becoming darker and delicately shaded with violet as the flowers expand. Very large and full, petals of good substance and very sweet. A magnificent Rose.

#### BERNARD VERLOT.

A magnificent Rose. Large, full, globular flowers, color dark, rich crimson, passing to deep violet purple. A free bloomer and very sweet.

#### AUGUSTE MIE.

Clear waxy rose; large and finely cupped; very fragrant. An excellent Rose.

#### MAGNA CHARTA.

Superb, bold, full flowers, very double and sweet, borne erect on strong, stout canes; bright, satiny pink tinged with carmine.

#### PIERRE NOTTING.

A most beautiful dark Rose. The color is a deep, rich crimson, shading to velvety-maroon, very large, fine, globular form, and highly scented.

#### PRINCE ALBERT.

A rich, brilliant crimson, very bright and striking, large, double and finely-cupped flowers. One of the best Roses in our collection. In color a rich, dark crimson. Very hardy.

#### New Hardy Rose, FONTENNELLE.

Bright shining scarlet, beautifully shaded with rich crimson; petals edged with violet; very large handsome flowers, full and double and exceedingly sweet.

#### THOMAS MILLS.

Extra large, fine, cup-shaped flowers; color bright rosy carmine, some times with fine white stripes; fragrant and good.

**Large two-year-old field grown Hardy Roses.**

**FOR ONE DOLLAR**

We will send SIX of these Roses in fine assortment of color and variety, charges prepaid.

**WE GUARANTEE SAFE ARRIVAL, GOOD STOCK AND TRUE TO LABEL.**



## HARDY CLIMBING PRAIRIE ROSES.



**T**HESE are the only Climbing Roses that are perfectly hardy everywhere, and are, consequently, of the greatest value. They can be readily trained to the height of ten or twenty feet, as they grow with very great vigor. They bloom the second year, and but once in a season, but are then loaded with splendid Roses, and are among the most beautiful of flowering plants. At least one of the hardy climbers should be found in every garden north of Tennessee. The flowers are produced in large clusters. When it is desired to cover walls, unsightly buildings, etc., with Roses, none will be found to do the work so efficiently as varieties of the Prairie Rose. Price, 10 cents each; large, two-year-old plants, 25 cents.

### BALTIMORE BELLE.

Pale blush, variegated carmine, rose and white. Very double flowers, in beautiful clusters, the whole plant appearing a perfect mass of bloom. One of the very best of the type.

### GREVILLE, or SEVEN SISTERS.

Flowers in large clusters. Varies in color from white to crimson.

### MRS. GUNNEL.

Soft rosy blush, becoming almost white; large clusters; full and double. Much admired.

### PRAIRIE QUEEN.

Flowers very large and of peculiar globular form; bright rosy-red, changing to lighter as the flowers open.

### PRIDE OF WASHINGTON.

Bright amaranth, shaded rose center; large clusters; very double. Fine.

### RUSSEL'S COTTAGE.

Dark, velvety-crimson; very double and full. A profuse bloomer and strong grower. Desirable.

### TENNESSEE BELLE.

Flowers bright, beautiful pink. Is more slender and graceful in growth than any of the other varieties.

### TRIUMPHANT.

An excellent variety. Flowers large, very double and compact; color, deep rose, changing to pale carmine; beautifully shaded and variegated.



Moss Rose.

## Moss Roses

A class of Roses which are much admired. The beauty of the flower consists in the delicate mossy covering which surrounds the bud, and which gives to the opening flower a unique appearance. The Moss Rose Bud is the most exquisitely beautiful of all Roses. It is the Queen of Queens. Moss Roses are perfectly hardy, and grow in any soil as freely as ordinary roses. Price, 20 cents each; two-year-old plants, 40c.

### ALICE LEROY.

Fine, clear pink, extra fragrant flowers; full and globular, nicely covered with moss.

### ELIZABETH ROWE.

Deep pink colored buds, surrounded with a mossy fringe. A fragrant and very pretty Rose.

### GLORY OF THE MOSSES.

A magnificent Moss Rose, large and perfectly double; color, deep rosy-carmine, shaded purplish-crimson, very mossy and fragrant.

### HENRY MARTIN.

Rich glossy pink, tinged with crimson, large globular flowers; very full and sweet; finely mossed; one of the finest.

### Perpetual Moss Rose, Blanch Moreau.

This Rose comes to us highly recommended; the flowers are produced in clusters, are very large, full and sweet; pure white in color, and both buds and flowers are covered with lovely deep green moss.

### PRINCESS ADELAIDE.

Fine, bright carmine, large and vigorous, much esteemed.

### JOHN CRANSTON.

Violet-red; very fine, strong grower; very desirable.

### WHITE BATH.

Extra fine, large, very full and delightfully fragrant; color, pure white, sometimes delicately tinted with rosy-blush; elegantly mossed and very beautiful.

### MADAME ROCHLEMBERT.

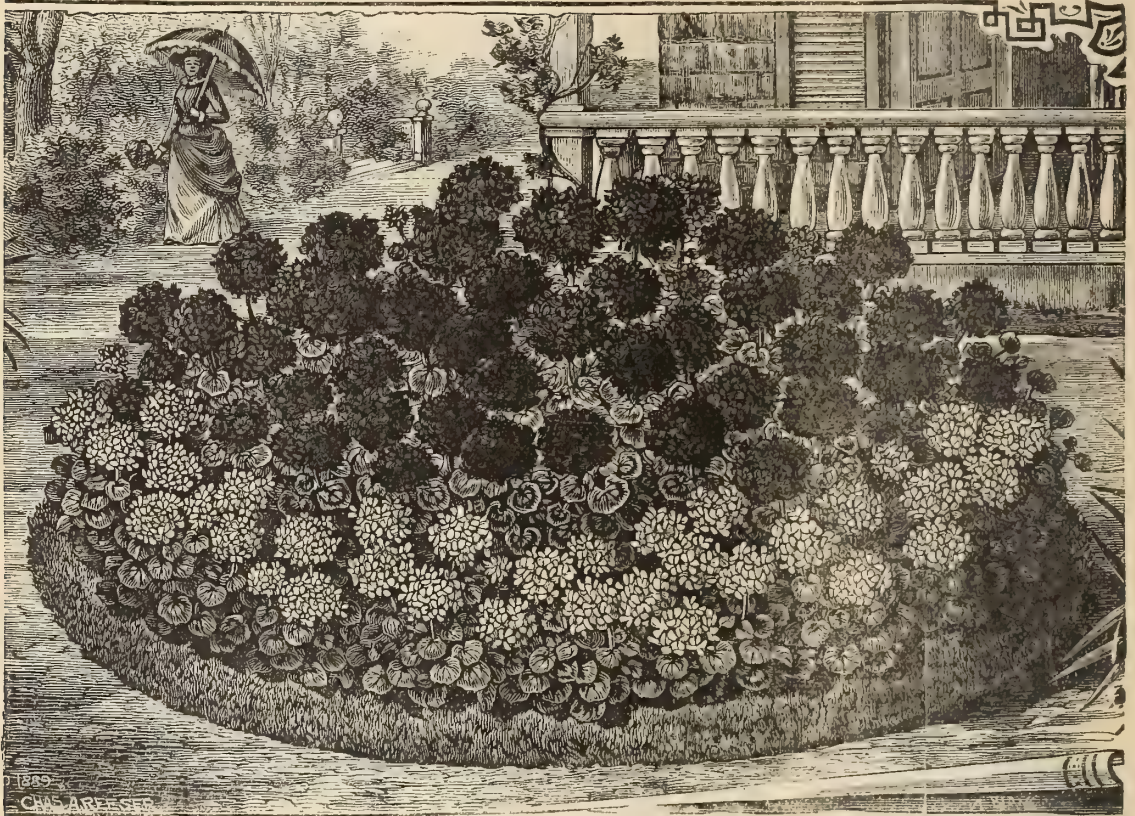
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# GERANIUMS.

150,000 Grown for this Season's Trade.

**W**HILE WE grow Roses in large quantities, we take fully as much pride in our collection of Geraniums. We head the list among the largest growers of Geraniums in this country, selling some seasons as high as one hundred and fifty thousand plants. We have the choicest varieties in large quantities. The hot Southern sun is too severe for many things that are beautiful in our Northern and Western cities, and the frequent drouths bar out many more, but Geraniums endure sun and drouth, and upon the return of cooler days and heavy dews they grow and bloom as if there had never been any weather of any but their own choosing. It matters not what the temperature, Geraniums are always growing, always green, and crowned with flowers from May until November. Perhaps in no other class of plants has the march of improvement advanced so rapidly. New colors, new styles, profuse blooming sorts, all these have combined to make the Geranium the most popular plant for bedding and house culture. For constancy of bloom the Geranium is unequalled. Small plants, if put out in May and June, will completely fill a bed three weeks after planting, and will be a mass of flowers, and continue getting better, until blackened by the frosty nights of Autumn. The Geraniums make excellent Winter-blooming plants if not kept too warm; but for this purpose should be grown in pots all Summer, and the buds picked off as they appear.



Bed of Double Geraniums.

## SPECIAL OFFERS:

For \$1 we will send 20 Double Bedding Geraniums—All Scarlet.  
 For \$1 we will send 20 Double Bedding Geraniums—All Pink. : :  
 For \$1 we will send 20 Double Bedding Geraniums—All White.  
 For \$1 we will send 20 Double Bedding Geraniums—All Salmon.  
 For \$1 we will send 20 Single Bedding Geraniums—All Scarlet.  
 For \$1 we will send 20 Single Bedding Geraniums—All Pink. : :  
 For \$1 we will send 20 Single Bedding Geraniums—All White.  
 For \$1 we will send 20 Single Bedding Geraniums—All Salmon.

THE ABOVE OFFERS INCLUDE THE PAYMENT OF POSTAGE BY U.S.

**EXPRESS OFFER**—For \$1.00 we will send by express (charges paid by purchaser) 30 Geraniums, either Single or Double, in colors above mentioned. NO FURTHER DISCOUNT ON THESE OFFERS.

WE DO NOT SUBSTITUTE WITHOUT CONSENT OF THE PURCHASER.



# General Collection of Double Geraniums.

PRICE, 8 CENTS EACH; ANY 16 FOR \$1.00.

THE BEAUTIFUL  
PURE WHITE

Double Geranium,

White Swan.



## WHITE SWAN.

In the White Swan we have the finest double white Geranium ever introduced, and, unlike other double white Geraniums, it is suitable for bedding, and flowers as profusely as the best single varieties. It is a dwarf, compact-growing variety, with handsome, banded foliage, of a light, healthy green. The perfect double flowers are unsurpassed for cut flowers. They are borne in large trusses, and are spotless, snowy-white, retaining their pure whiteness even in the heat of Summer. In the Fall the plants can be taken in the house, where they will again bloom profusely. One hundred and four trusses and buds have been counted upon a single exhibition plant. The White Swan will astonish all who grow it.

**A. Fleurot**—Dark garnet, with bright orange red markings.

**Adrienne Corret**—Immense spherical trusses of bright red-orange color. A continuous free blooming variety of great merit.

**A. Dupree**—Dark rich velvety crimson, shaded still darker. It is needless to say that this coloring is unusually handsome.

**Bishop Vincent**—The handsome flowers are bright cherry, mixed with sofferino in a most charming manner, the flowers are of large size and are carried on magnificent large massive trusses, very profuse bloomer. Stands the hottest sun without scorching.

**B. K. Bliss**—A splendid bedder blooming with intermission, and standing the sun well. The flowers are beautiful, deep, rich scarlet; fine, large florets, of the most perfect circular form. The best shaped flower of its class.

**C. A. Knorr**—Bright lilac-red, shaded lilac, with maculated red spots on upper petals. A very effective and novel colored Geranium.

**Contraste**—Each year Geraniums grow more beautiful, especially the double, and the diversity in their forms and colors is an endless wonder. Among the most beautiful of new double Geraniums is *Contraste*. The flowers and trusses are very large. Lower petals orange and carmine, upper petals clear orange, making a striking contrast of colors that is beautiful.

**Crepuscule**—Another fine Geranium raised by Bruant. Trusses large and freely produced; dark purplish-crimson marked at the center with capucine red. The best of the color.

**Dr. Jacoby**—A magnificent Geranium, having enormous trusses of large, double flowers of clear nankeen salmon. A most charming variety.

**De Lacepede**—Flowers very full; rosy flesh color, with lilac shadings.

**Ed. Andre**—A beautiful flower of a dark rose, shaded with violet. A most beautiful Geranium.

**Empress**—A wonderful bedding variety; enormous trusses of large, well-formed flowers; rich rosy-salmon shaded with earmine and white.

**Emerson**—A magnificent Geranium, having enormous trusses of large, double flowers of clear nankeen salmon. A most charming variety.

**Emile de Girardin**—No one who has not seen this lovely pink Geranium as it is grown in the beds and borders of the northern parks, can imagine the beauty that lies in a flower of that color. Of a deep soft rose, rather than pink, but fresh and bright, the blossoms are perfect in form and borne well and clear above the foliage. The long beds of it seen in the Chicago parks, with their edgings of "Golden Bedder" Coleus, formed the most beautiful Geranium planting we have ever seen, and the combination is delightful. It stands the sun perfectly, and is, in our opinion, the finest double variety of any color for massing, when a delicate and artistic effect is desired.

**Geoffrey de St. Hilaire**—Large spherical trusses of glowing scarlet, rayed with intense violet-crimson. A strong, bushy variety of great merit, and after a thorough trial we can recommend it as unequaled in its class.

**Grand Chancellor Faidherbe**—A fine sort; very thick and double; flowers of a dark soft red, tinted with scarlet and heavily shaded with maroon; very dark and rich, and at the same time very bright. Simply a superb variety.

**Gold Dust**—Of the brightest scarlet color imaginable, shining like a fleece of gold. A beautiful and charming variety. Semi-double.

**Gilded Gold**—Bright orange-scarlet or flame color, flowers large, of fine form branching habit, very constant bloomer, and one of the best Geraniums, either for pot culture or for bedding.

**George Thorpe**—The trusses are of immense size, on very strong foot stalks. The color is of the most intense crimson. A grand variety.

**Harriet Thorpe**—The handsomest light flowers we have yet seen; delicate blush with pearl-pink, the edge of each flower having a wire-like edge of deep pink resembling a Picotee more than a Geranium; trusses large and well shaped.

**Le Prophete**—One of the most magnificent double scarlet Geraniums ever grown. Perfection in size, shape, habit and color, not equaled by any other of this color.

**L. Contable**—Plant of perfect habit; very free; large, full, double flowers, of a beautiful bright rose color. An extra fine variety.

**La Favorite**—A fine double white Geranium, claimed to be an advance on White Swan. The florets are pure white and large; trusses of medium size. It stands the sun well and is an excellent bedder.

**Marie de Bisnary**—Very beautiful. Rose-chamois color, center of petals shaded rosy-lilac. Quite distinct and pretty. One of the most profuse blooming varieties in our collection.

**Madame Dieulafoy**—A charming variety, it is dwarf habit, with immense leaves; the florets are large, of good form, and are borne on immense trusses; the color is a tender rose, flaked with white.

**M. Sandorf**—Orange salmon with silver shadings. Flowers large and nicely shaped.

Please name two or three plants at bottom of order sheet that we may send when out of those ordered.



**Mary Hill**—The finest double pure pink color in our collection. The shade is quite even, soft and bright, like a Hermosa Rose. It has a distinct white eye; the florets are of good size, forming fine, large trusses which are flat rather than round. In addition to its lovely color it is a most satisfactory grower, very free in bloom at all seasons, and it is equally useful for bedding or pot culture.

**Md. Geo. Kergorlay**—Color orange red; trusses large and finely formed.

**M'le Hoste**—Umbels large and borne well above the foliage; flowers of enormous size; color flesh, lined and shaded with bright salmon; one of the very finest in the collection; shading simply exquisite.

**M. Caro**—The first real approach to lilac yet attained in Geraniums; the double flowers are a delicate shade of light lilac; the outer edge of the petals changing to deep rose, shaded in a most charming manner.

**Walter Scott**—Immense individual flowers; trusses uniform; color scarlet red.

**We will send any 16 of the foregoing list, postpaid, for \$1.00.**

## General Collection of Single Geraniums

Price, 8 Cents Each, or any 16 for \$1.00.

**Apple Blossom**.—Fine trusses of pearly white flowers, suffused with rose; the delicate color seen in apple blossoms; stands sun well.

**Alcibiade**—Red salmon, shaded clear violet at center of pips.

**Aurelia Scholl**—Violet-rose, marked with white on upper petals.

**Alphonso Daudet**—Florets of excellent shape and size, with large trusses. Stands the sun well. Color a reddish-salmon, with much darker center; a superior variety.

**Beauty of Kent**—A most lovely round flowering, mottled salmon; large trusses.

**Beauty of Kingessing**—Salmon center, margined with white; the two colors mingling beautifully; trusses very large.

**Celestial**—Deep rose, tinged white; an extra fine sort for bedding out or winter flowering.

**Challemel Lacour**—Rich, vivid crimson; immense trusses; the best of the dark Geraniums for bedding, as it blooms freely; stands the sun well and is a rarely beautiful flower.

**Copernic**—Trusses largest size; florets perfect; rose and dark carmine; center white.

**Ernest Bergman**—Plants dwarf; foliage small; rich, velvety scarlet. A superb variety for bedding.

**Evening Star**—One of the latest novelties; white flowers, with a large, rose-colored center; a dainty and beautiful flower.

**Evangeline**—Very large flowers, of nearly pure white—just a slight tinge, occasionally, of color.

**Ed. Pynaert**.—Brilliant solferino, marked with capucine at base of petals.

**Fair Maid**—Flowers a lovely shade of scarlet; the florets are very large and round; a charming variety.

**Frau Louise Voith**.—Perhaps the grandest single pink Geranium out. The color is a beautiful, clear and brilliant carmine rose, with a very large, pure white eye. Trusses large and of a beautiful shape.

**Georges Pascaud**.—Another most beautiful light salmon, with shadings of white. Stands the sun well. A Geranium of rare merit.

**Godfrey Cavegnac**—Rich, deep scarlet, with a large white eye. Florets of good size and round form; a rare variety, of great beauty.

**General Sheridan**—One of the best bedding Geraniums in cultivation. Grows freely and blooms with the greatest profusion; brilliant scarlet flowers.

**Granville**—A lovely bright pink; a superb variety.

**Giant**—A fine sort; bright crimson scarlet, shaded vermillion, free bloomer; immense trusses 5½ to 6 inches in diameter.

**Hoffgartner Eichler**—Dark crimson, shaded to dark scarlet; very dark and beautiful.

**Jeanne de Arc**—Immense trusses of the purest white flowers. Dwarf and very attractive. This is thought by many to be the most beautiful single white Geranium in cultivation.

**John Salter**—Salmon; lighter toward the edges of the petals. Large trusses; a favorite.

**Katie Schutz**—Delicate pink; dainty and beautiful.

**Lillian Smith**—One of the brightest and finest scarlet bedding Geraniums. The color is a dazzling scarlet; large trusses and florets.

**L'Elysee**—Orange-salmon; large, fine flowers; the color named is the prevailing one, but it is peculiarly lightened in places with white; beautiful.

**Louis Ulbach**—Color intense, dazzling scarlet; trusses extra large; florets round and large; an excellent bedder.



Type of Single Geranium.

**La Lorraine**—A grand variety; trusses of large size and most perfect form; color very tender silvery flesh, with lavender shadings; one of the most beautiful and distinct Geraniums ever grown.

**Mrs. James Vick**—White edges, pinkish center; dainty and beautiful.

**Master Christine**—Bright, rosy-pink, shaded lighter to the center; a fine one for bedding and pot culture.

**Mrs. Lindsay**—A strong growing Geranium, of good habit, producing enormous trusses, of a deep pink-violet shading; upper petals marked white.

**Mrs. Hamilton**—A charming shade of light, soft pink; fine, strong grower, with large trusses.

**Queen of the West**—Still the standard bedding variety; grows freely and carries its bloom in masses; light orange-scarlet; fine trusses.

**Pliny**—Beautiful shade of deep rose-colored flowers; superb variety.

**Ralph**—A magnificent bedder and profuse bloomer; crimson-scarlet, shaded purple.

**Sam Sloan**—An extra fine velvety crimson.

**IF ANYTHING IS SHORT, LOOK FOR A SLIP ENCLOSED, OR WAIT FOR A CARD THE NEXT DAY.**





Comtesse de la Baume.

## NEW DOUBLE GERANIUMS.

AT 10 CENTS EACH.

**Bonnat**—Large spherical trusses, flowers full and of the finest form, brilliant carmine rose. This is one of the finest varieties of the year for pot culture or for bedding out.

**Black Knight**—Bright crimson maroon. Very large truss and a splendid bedding variety.

**Bed of Gold**—Artists in color who have for the past two seasons seen it flower, declare it to be a rich golden-orange shade of the most brilliant hue; we need not add another word to its color. The flowers are of the largest size, most perfectly shaped in large trusses, opening freely at all seasons.

**Baron Duranteau**—Magnificent flower of fine crimson color; upper petals marked scarlet.

**Comtesse de la Baume**—One of the most beautiful rose-colored varieties, either for growing in pots or bedding out.

**Centaure**—Among double pinks this carries, probably, the largest and most perfect truss. A grand sort.

**Catulle Mendes**—Flowers of the largest size, borne on stout stems in immense trusses. Deep rose, with large white markings on the upper petals. A most beautiful and free-flowering variety.

**Ella Giddings**—A splendid scarlet bedder; foot-stalks stiff and long, bearing the flowers ten or twelve inches above the foliage.

**Gripper Banks**—Produces the largest truss of orange flowers of any double in cultivation.

**Gloire de France**—This is a grand variety with trusses of immense size; individual flowers very large and double. Color salmon white, with a dark, distinct salmon red center. Price, 15 cents each.

**Louis Fihol**—Bright orange scarlet, shaded salmon; plant very free and flowers very perfect. A good variety.

**Montesquieu**—Soft lavender-pink of even shade; form of a rose, quite circular in form. A grand variety.

## Rosebud Geranium.

FLORETS LIKE PERFECT ROSEBUDS.

The habit of growth is dwarf and compact, making this variety one of the most desirable for pot culture. The novelty and merit, however, is principally in the flower, the perfect trusses of miniature rosebud florets, which are wonderfully attractive and pleasing. The color is bright scarlet flamed with purple shadings, and the substance most lasting. A buttonhole bouquet of this variety will last longer than any other we know of, and then it is entirely unique. Certainly no Geranium in cultivation today is as distinct, and we are certain this remarkable novelty will make a sensation.

**Md. Geo. Pradins**—Florets large and flat of extra fine form; color, reddish violet.

**Sir Trevor Lawrence**—A unique variety with very large trusses of perfect shaped flowers with rounded petals. Color an exquisite shade of rosy peach.

**Triumphant**—The plant is very dwarf and bushy, but vigorous. Monstrous trusses on long foot-stalks. Color a rich salmon intermingled with white.

**Theocrite**—Very fine trusses of bloom, tender rose, delicately tinted lilac.

## New Single Geraniums.

AT 10 CENTS EACH.

**La Vestale**—In this variety we have a most beautiful pure white Geranium. It has large trusses of the purest snow-white flowers; very free flowering. A splendid variety.

**M. Octave Deluc**—Immense sized trusses; beautiful brilliant orange red. Said to be the most beautiful red variety out for bedding purposes.

**M. Poirier**—Single. Soft, vinous rose. The prettiest Geranium in this color with markings on the upper petals that are beautiful.

**Perle**—Trusses large and of perfect form; pure, showy white. Purer than the variety, "Queen of the Belgians," and of still freer blooming habit.

**Pompeii**—Soft cinnamon scarlet, with clear white eye; very fine.

**Poet Nationale**—An extra fine fancy pot variety. The color is a delicate pink, deepening to soft peach bloom, a mingling of shades hitherto found only in the "Lady Washington" class. A perfect Single Geranium of an entirely new class. Price, 25 cents each.

**Queen Olga**—Petals brilliant, deep pink; white at base. Grand.

**Signor Crispa**—Immense florets, forming large trusses, of the most delicately beautiful pink with a white eye. Nicely zoned foliage, and a dwarf, bushy growth. Extra fine.

**Trophee**—Trusses of the largest size; very pretty rosy flesh, tinted at the center with lilac, changing to dark lilac; a novel color. A fine variety all should have.

**Univers**—A magnificent variety. Very brilliant dark crimson scarlet; florets very large and immense trusses. The most beautiful single scarlet ever produced, and should be in every collection.



New Rosebud Geranium.

Don't fail to read our special offer of Choice Fruits on page 83.



# NINE ENGLISH PRIZE SINGLE GERANIUMS.



New English Prize Single Geraniums.

Price, 10 cents each, or the entire set of nine for 75 cents.

## ATHLETE.

Flowers very large and round, trusses of enormous size; color the most brilliant clear scarlet; small white eye.

## BRILLIANT.

A grand scarlet variety, with large pips and trusses of the finest shape; the finest single scarlet.

## COUNTESS OF DERBY.

Mottled salmon, fiery center; shading off to a white margin. A great favorite.

## LADY ROSEBERRY.

Flowers of the finest form, large white eye; color rich salmon, approaching a deep red at the center.

## LADY FRANCES RUSSELL.

A most marked improvement in this class; color a soft rose shade, with large white blotch.

## LILY.

White, very slightly tinted at times; the largest of its color; being nearly equal to the largest scarlet.

## LADY CHURCHILL.

Single. The deepest shade of salmon; elegant round florets of great size and substance; good habit and free.

## REV. H. HARRIES.

Soft rosy red, producing florets and pips of gigantic size; freely produced; one of the finest.

## SCARLET CLOTH.

Splendid rich shade of scarlet. Extra large floret and truss.

## NEW GERANIUMS OF 1895.

PRICE, 15 CENTS EACH; SET OF SIX FOR 75 CENTS.

### ABRICOTE,

Semi-double. Floret nearly circular; fine apricot color.

### FRED. BECKER.

Single. A great improvement over Palace d'Industrie; color peach-pink, with carmine shadings.

### H. CANNEL, JR.

Single. Flowers of the most perfect circular form and immense size, petals overlapping broadly; color soft rich crimson, white eye; enormous truss; can not be overpraised.

### MRS. J. M. GAAR.

Single. The finest white; beds perfectly, stands the sun with impunity. We unhesitatingly pronounce this the greatest bedder of recent years.

### MADONNA.

Single. Soft light pink; immense trusses, beds finely; a new shade of pink.

### W. A. CHALFANT.

Single. Dazzling scarlet; florets circular and slightly cupped, forming a magnificent truss; heavy Bruant-like foliage, assuring it a good bedder.



## The New French Peach Blossom Geraniums.

PRICE, 10 CENTS EACH; THE SET OF 3 FOR 25 CENTS.

### JEAN D'ARC.

Single. A Souv. d'Mirande in carmine scarlet. A grand variety; floret and truss of very fine size; extra good.

### JACQUES CALLOT.

Single. Seedling from Souv. d'Mirande, the finest of all the fancy Geraniums. This variety is identical with its parent, save for its larger size.

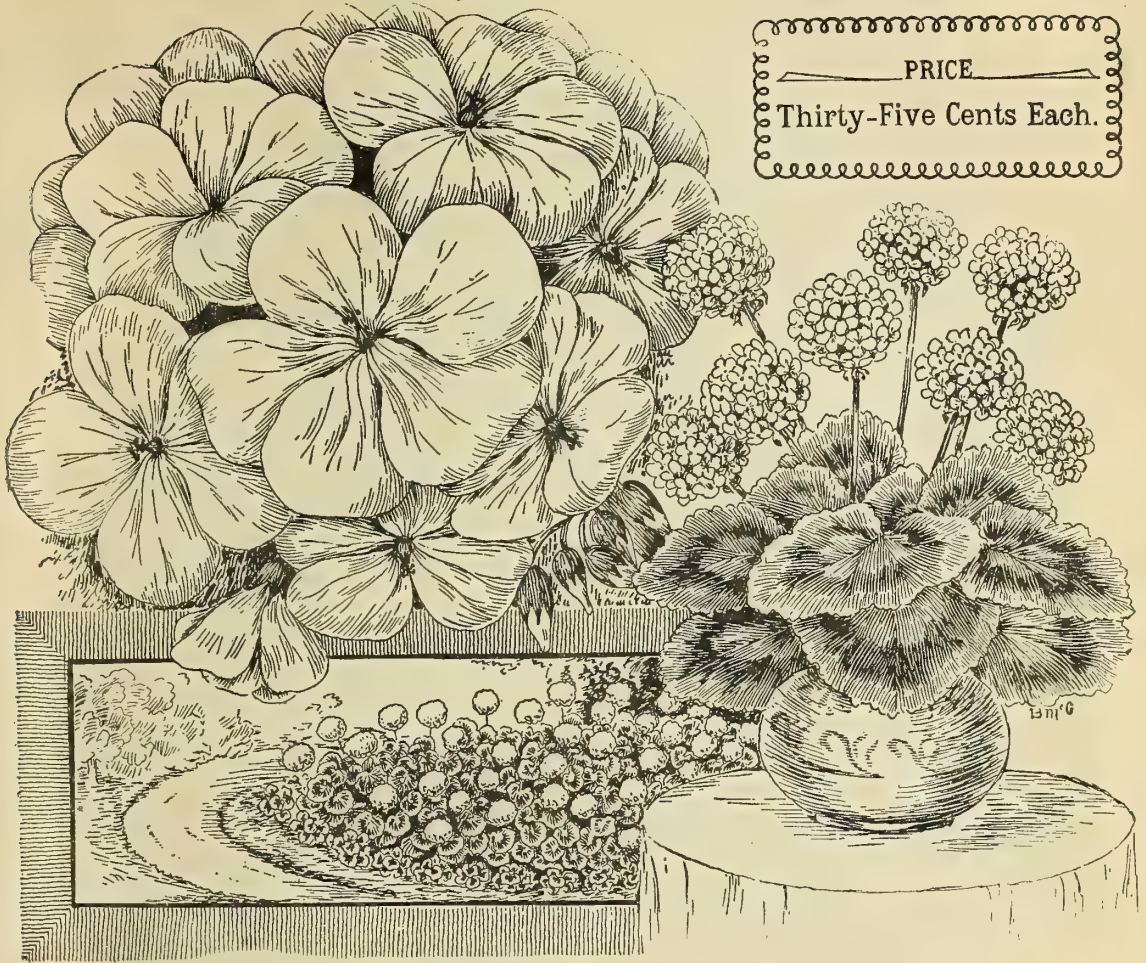
### SOUV. DE MIRANDE.

The greatest novelty in Single Geraniums that has appeared for a number of years is, undoubtedly, Souv. d'Mirande. It is entirely distinct from any other variety known, and is quite different from the usual marked varieties that have from time to time made their appearance. It has round florets, upper petals cream white, with a distinct, rosy-pink border; lower petals salmon-rose, streaked with pure white; a most novel color; extremely free flowering; produces fine trusses.

OUR LIST OF VARIETIES IN GERANIUMS IS UNEXCELLED BY ANY OTHER FLORIST.



# The Newest Single Geraniums for 1896.



PRICE  
Thirty-Five Cents Each.

## Dr. Nansen.

### DR. NANSEN.

Purest white, even in the hottest weather. A beautiful example of the "round-flowered" English section. Florets large and petals overlapping. Dwarf habit and a fair grower. Extra good fancy white.

### COLOSSUS.

Floret quite circular, semi-double;  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter; truss also fine. The color is very beautiful, a rich shade of rosy-crimson. Very free in bloom. One of the very largest and finest among the double reds.

### DOUBLE GUINEA.

A decided improvement on Re Umberto, which is a good enough recommendation; it is a better grower, stands the sun better, and is of a very bright orange-yellow color; florets and trusses large and of fine form.

### DEUIL DE MIRIBEL.

The grandest single scarlet that we have yet seen. Foot-stalks 15 inches long and very rigid, and bearing enormous trusses composed of immense circular florets of velvety crimson scarlet. This variety has the largest floret, the finest truss, the longest stem and the best color among single reds, and it is a fine free grower.

### EULALIE.

Single, bright salmon, a beautiful well formed flower, and a distinct advance upon any previous introductions in the same class, both in bloom and habit.

### HECLA.

Crimson-scarlet or carmine of the loveliest shade; florets very large and finely formed. One of the finest of the fancy reds.

### JULIET.

Single, clear salmon, shading to nearly white round the eye, a lovely delicate color, and one of the most perfectly formed flowers both in pip and truss ever seen. Some of our last novelties in this shade were so good that we quite despaired of ever making any advance upon them, but this is a genuine improvement in every way.

### J. J. HARRISON.

Double, Bruant, brilliant capucine scarlet; florets of enormous size; habit all that could be desired; a fine bedder and a most effective sort.

### LEONARD KELWAY.

Double, glowing carmine; very bright and attractive, the petals showing a peculiar gloss; color as fine as S. A. Nutt, while the truss is much larger. A grand addition to the dark reds, which are always in great demand.

### MME. CHAS. MOLIN.

Single, Bruant. Trusses and florets enormous; color clear, bright salmon, white eye. Remarkable for the beauty of the trusses, and also for its lovely color. Plant semi-dwarf, zoned in black, and very fine in bloom.

### MADAM DELAMARRE.

Single. A bright rosy-crimson, with heavy white markings on the upper petals. The habit is dwarf, compact, and with its great freedom of bloom, make it a most excellent bedder.

### W. L. GUMM.

Single. A most beautiful example of the Mirande type, proving most effective as a bedder, as it does not present the washed and faded appearance of Mirande when grown outside. The colors are very bright and distinct, being pure white and brilliant rosy-scarlet.

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# The Ever Popular Sunproof Geraniums.

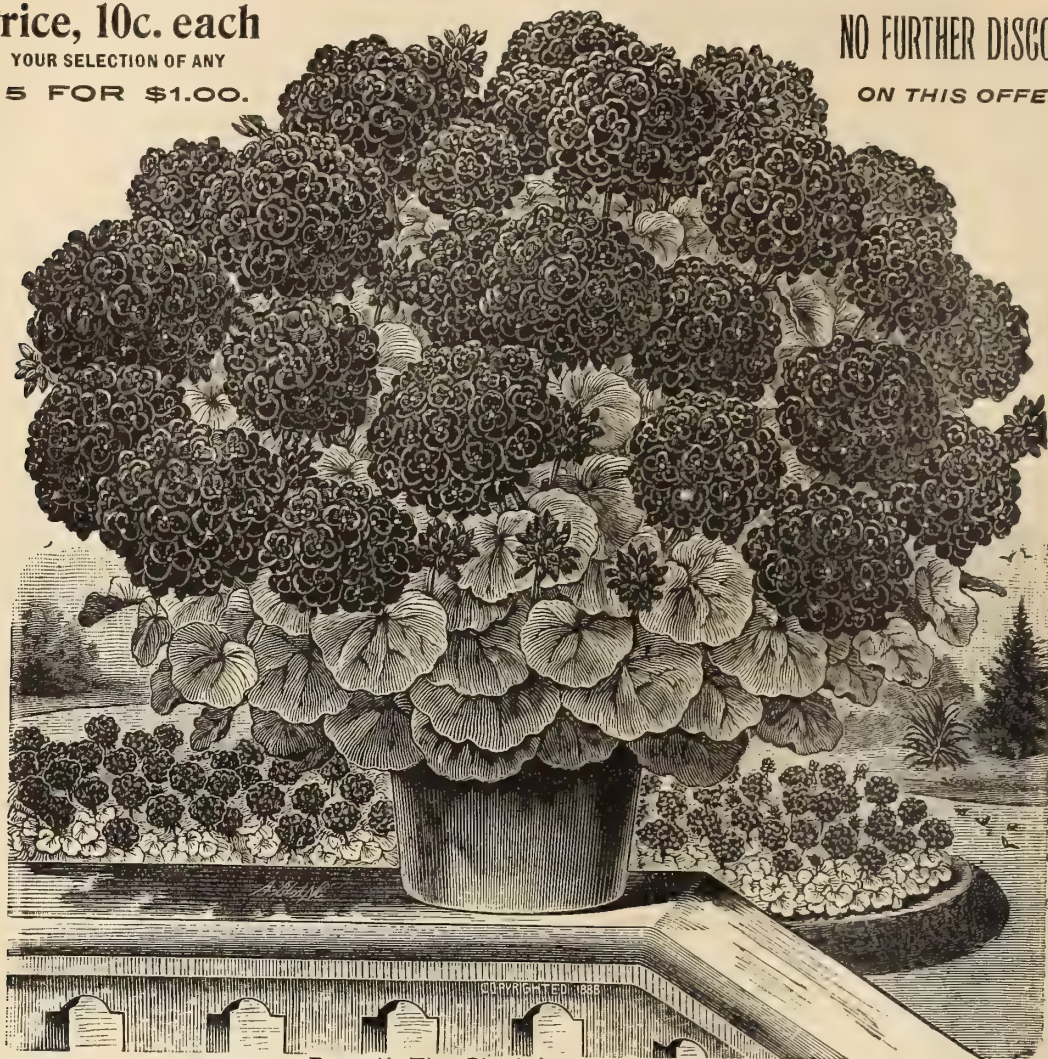
THIS, THE BRUANT RACE CANNOT BE EXCELLED FOR BEDDING.

Price, 10c. each

YOUR SELECTION OF ANY  
15 FOR \$1.00.

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ON THIS OFFER.



Bruanti—The Giant Among Geraniums.

## AURORA BOREALE.

Single. Extra large flowers of most beautiful scarlet. For fine massing, and one of the most showiest and finest of the whole Bruant race.

## ALFRED NAME.

Single. Each floret is  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2$  in., forming a wonderful flower of soft sub-scarlet, lower petals shading to salmon in the center, which is deeply veined crimson.

## BRUANTI.

Semi-double. Color of the flower a vermillion red, of a most pleasing shade. The flowers are absolutely perfect in shape, contour and make-up; trusses exceptionally large and borne in immense spherical balls, often measuring eight inches in diameter. The best scarlet bedder extant. See illustration.

## BARON PUYNODE.

Single. Extra large florets on strong footstalks, in immense trusses. Color, orange vermillion; small white eye.

## BARBIZET.

Individual flowers very large, borne on long footstalks. Color, fresh bright rose, maculated with white on upper petals. Single flowers.

## EMILE CAILLETET.

A dwarf grower, producing very large flowers of a beautiful bright rose, marked with white on the upper petals. A splendid bedder, producing a mass of colors. Single flowers.

## BEAUTE POITEVINE.

Semi-double. One of the very finest of the Bruant Race. The color is a brilliant salmon shading to apricot at the center. Truss colossal; floret  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches in diameter. Created a sensation at the Paris Exposition.

## BLANCHE MOULAS.

Single. A grand bedding variety of much merit. The flowers are large salmon, beautifully bordered with white. A Geranium of rare beauty.

## DR. THOUVENET.

Very large double flowers of clear cerise red.

## DOCTEUR CLENET.

Single. Strong, nicely branching habit; very large trusses well above the foliage; florets large, round, and of bright capucine scarlet. Fine for massing.

## FRANCOIS ARAGO.

Single. Flowers finely formed, a free bloomer on strong footstalks; color, silvery salmon, shaded peach. Fine glistening texture.

## GLOIRE POITEVINE.

Large trusses of immense size. Rich red, shaded orange, with a white eye. Very vigorous and free. Single flowers.

## LE CID.

Soft salmon, with two rosy-violet marks on the upper petals. Extremely large and beautiful single flowers.

WE HAVE 32 GREENHOUSES, 150 FT. LONG, FILLED WITH THE GOOD THINGS DESCRIBED IN THIS CATALOGUE





(Sunproof Geraniums Continued.)

M. Louis Fages.

**M. LOUIS FAGES.**

A beautiful compact grower; nicely zoned flowers of the largest size; trusses fine; semi-double, clear bright orange scarlet. Extra fine.

**MRS. MAYES.**

English. Flowers enormous, clear salmon shading to cream. A true Bruant.

**MRS. A. BLANC.**

Single. Flowers immense, round and perfect. Apricot red, beautifully shaded; superb in masses.

**MRS. E. G. HILL.**

Single. Floret  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 9$  inches. The center of each petal is a soft, light salmon, bordered with rosy-salmon and veined deep rose. Frequently throws six petals.

**M. POINSIGNON.**

Flowers of the very largest size; single, bright rosy-pink; a grand variety.

**MADAME DE LA ROQUE.**

Enormous round single flowers in large umbels, very freely produced. Color, a beautiful salmon, with orange shaded center. Fine for massing.

**M. A. PIOLA.**

Enormous trusses of semi-double flowers; color red, mixed with carmine and orange. A striking sort.

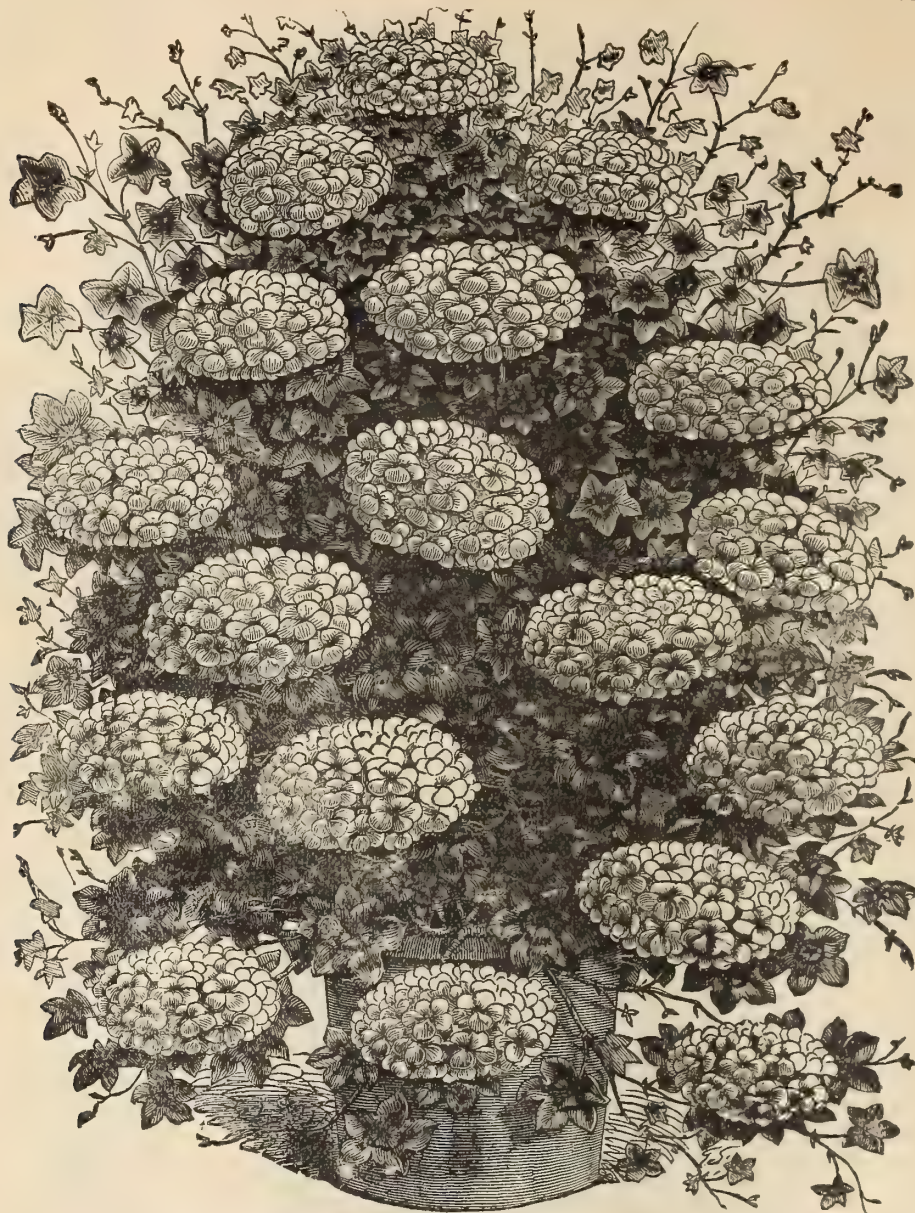
**MME. M. DE LOUVREX.**

Single. Florets and trusses very large; brilliant rosy-salmon color, edged with a clearer shade, center white, nicely marked.

**ST. PETERS.**

One of the very largest of single Geraniums. Color, bright glowing salmon, bordered white and veined scarlet. Attracts attention in any collection.





A Well Grown Plant of Ivy-Leaved Geranium.

## IVY-LEAVED GERANIUMS

**A** SPLENDID class of climbing or trailing Geraniums, adapted for baskets, vases, rock-work and training on trellises. They have a fine, thick, glossy foliage, which of itself would be of sufficient beauty to warrant their cultivation, but they also have the charming attraction of possessing beautiful flowers as well as foliage. They bloom with the greatest freedom during the Spring and Summer. We have priced the following list very cheap and would like our patrons to order at least one, feeling sure that if they get a good specimen in a basket, vase or a trellis, as they can be trained in any shape desired, that they will never allow their window garden to be without them.

### New Hybrid Geranium, PETER CROZY.

A cross between the Ivy Geraniums and the Zonals. The foliage shows the blending of the two races, having the form of the Ivy and the substance and size of the Zonals. The flowers are brilliant scarlet, borne in the greatest profusion, the trusses measuring six inches across, and the individual florets two inches. The habit is dwarf and compact; the flowers are semi-double and last a long time. Price, 10 cents.

### MICHELET.

This is the most beautiful of the ivy-leaved class. The flowers are very double; full and perfect in form, color rich carmine and lake. The plant is a strong, free grower, producing flowers at every joint. Price, 10 cents.

### CHARLES TURNER.

Best bloomer. Color light scarlet with soft rose tint, two upper petals veined with maroon crimson. For general purposes there is not one in all the list of Ivy Geraniums that can compare with this superb variety, which our immense stock enables us to offer very low this season. Price, 10 cents.

### GLORIE DE LORAINÉ.

This is certainly the most beautiful and showy of the ivy-leaf varieties. Flowers very large and perfectly double, making a lovely rosette in shape; color a rich cherry shade and exceedingly attractive. Plant is a strong, rapid grower and sure to give satisfaction. A novelty that should certainly be in your plant order. Price, 10 cents.

OUR PLANTS ARE ALL PLAINLY LABELED--TRUE TO NAME.



## Ivy-Leaved Geraniums.

(Continued.)

### JOAN OF ARC.

This is one of the most beautiful plants it has ever been our privilege to offer. The flowers are perfectly double, white as snow, and literally cover the plant when in full bloom. The foliage is extremely handsome, the dense, glossy green leaves making it a most effective background for the great clusters of snow white flowers. Price, 10 cents.

### CAMILLE FLAMMARION.

A beautiful variety and a general favorite with all lovers of the ivy-leaf varieties. Flowers large, full, cup-shaped and a deep rose color. Price, 10 cents.

### FLOURENS.

Flowers irregular, very large and double; petals large; salmon, heavily shaded rose. Price, 10 cents.

### GALILEE.

Rich, deep pink. Large flowers of good substance, and not only flowers in summer, but will make a beautiful plant for the window in winter. Price; 10 cents.

We will send any 4 of the foregoing Double Ivy-Leaved Geraniums for 30 cents.

### SINGLE FLOWERING IVY-LEAVED GERANIUMS.

**Mrs. H. Cannell**—Large trusses of flowers, of a deep mauve-purple; perfectly round, and produced in great abundance. Largest flowered and most distinct ivy-leaved Geraniums known. Price, 10 cents.

**Innocence**—Pure white. An excellent variety. Price 10 cents.

**Eclipse**—Bright rose, striped crimson. 10c.

## GOLDEN BRONZE GERANIUMS

Price, 10c. each, except where noted.

**Beauty of Clauddale**—Light, golden yellow foliage, dark chestnut zone, scarlet flowers.

**Black Hawk**—Dark bronze on yellow ground, scarlet flowers.

**Crystal Palace Gem**—Broad golden yellow margin with a central disc of green, dwarf and free.

**Exquisite**—Large chocolate zone, large golden yellow center, edges variegated, flowers salmon, tipped white. Price, 15 cents.

**Fanny**—Light golden foliage, chocolate zone, the flowers are large, and of a delightful peach color; very free blooming.

**Magician**—Foliage dark green, with greenish yellow disc. Flowers orange scarlet, and foliage as fine as on some of the golden tri colors. Price, 15 cents.

**Marshal McMahon**—The best of the Bronze Geraniums. Ground color of leaves, golden yellow, marked with a deep chocolate zone.

**Pride of Mt. Hope**—Large foliage of brilliant yellow color, with broad chocolate.

**Prince Bismarck**—Foliage yellowish green, with narrow zone of deep chocolate, flowers salmon, tipped white. A splendid variety.

**Zulu**—The best of all the Bronzes. Ground color of the leaf bright yellow, with a broad zone of the deepest chocolate. Decidedly the darkest and best of its class.

## SILVER LEAVED AND TRI-COLORED GERANIUMS.

### MOUNTAIN OF SNOW.

The finest of its class, a vigorous grower, an abundant bloomer, and for ribbon lines of massing is one of the best. The center of the leaf is bright green, the outer margin broadly marked with silvery white. One of the whitest leaved sorts, flowers bright scarlet. This variety is largely used for edgings around beds of flowering Geraniums, and also beds of Coleus, making a charming contrast. Price, 10 cents each.

### MRS. PARKER.

In this beautiful variety we have the only double flowering sort in the silver-leaved section. While the foliage is deep green, with a broad border and margin of the pure snow white, the flower is perfectly double, and of a clear, bright pink. In color it is an exact counterpart of that grand variety Centaure. The foliage and flower together make it one of the most unique and beautiful of plants. Price, 15 cents each.

### ARGUS.

Rich bronze zone, tinted with carmine and shaded to rose, delicate creamy white margin. Price, 15 cents each.



Double Flowering Ivy-Leaved Geranium, Joan of Arc.

## Golden Tri-Color Geraniums.

**Happy Thought**—A tri-color Geranium, with very dark green foliage, having a light, creamy, almost white center, with a dark zone. Flowers bright scarlet. Price, 10c. each.

**Mrs. Pollock**—A magnificent variety, the green leaf disk overlaid by a beautiful bronze-red zone, belted with bright crimson and outwardly margined with golden yellow; very fine for the parlor or conservatory during the winter and spring. Price, 15 cents each.

**Freak of Nature**—A very unique and attractive variety, outside leaves light green, with a large, pure white center; flowers light scarlet, dwarf and spreading. Price, 20c. each.

## Sweet Scented Geraniums.

This class of Geraniums is grown exclusively for the fragrance of their foliage, as the flower of most varieties is of little importance. They are a treasure for the making of bouquets, and as a background for button-hole bouquets they are indispensable. The leaves of some varieties are finely cut. Price, 8 cents each, except where noted.

**Balm**—Large leaves, with a very strong fragrance.

**Birch**—Leaves are small, with a very distinct birch fragrance.

**Lemon Scented**—Small leaves, with delightful lemon scent; one of the most pleasing varieties. Price, 15 cents each.

**Mrs. Taylor**—Dark green foliage of a peculiar fragrance. Flowers are scarlet, shaped like a Pelargonium, and borne in great profusion. Price, 15 cents each.

**Nutmeg**—One of the most fragrant. Somewhat resembles the Apple Geranium in growth and fragrance.

**Peppermint**—Large, green leaves; finely scented.

**Pennyroyal**—Finely cut foliage; strongly scented.

**Rose**—Too well known to need description. They are indispensable in the formation of bouquets. We have two varieties, one is the broad leaved, and the other with fine cut leaves.

**Shrubland Pet**—Small, light green leaves, very fragrant, pretty rose-colored flowers.

WE RECEIVED THOUSANDS OF TESTIMONIALS IN 1895 FROM OUR WELL PLEASED CUSTOMERS.



# Chrysanthemums.

**F**EW, if any other class of plants have been so much improved of late years as the Chrysanthemum. So much has been done in this direction that today the Chrysanthemum rivals the Rose in popularity, well grown flowers bringing nearly double the price of good Roses in the cut flower market.

The Chrysanthemum thrives well in any good, rich garden soil; its only requirements are plenty of water and sunlight. In planting, give each plant a space of at least two feet square, as if well grown they will touch each other by October 1st, at this distance apart. As they flower only on terminal branches, the tops of the young plants should be pinched out when five or six inches high. Allow four shoots to grow from this main trunk; when these four shoots are four inches high, pinch out the terminal bud and save three or four of the branches that will spring from each of these limbs. Allow these last branches to attain a height of six inches, then pinch out the tops for the last time. This should not be later than August 1st; after this they should be allowed to grow undisturbed. If wanted for indoor blooming they should be lifted about September 1st and potted. Give a thorough watering and set in a shady place for a few days. Afterwards expose them to the full light, but do not keep them warmer than forty-five to fifty degrees.

If large size flowers are wanted allow only one flower to each branch, pinching out all but terminal buds as fast as they appear.

**BLACK APHIDES**—Nothing destroys this troublesome insect so easily as clean cold water dashed on forcibly with a syringe.

We have kept close observance on all the latest Chrysanthemum shows, and have selected the following list of new Chrysanthemums from those awarded first prize by competent judges. These are the very latest out, many of them have never before been offered to the public. Each one has been pronounced a perfect gem and worthy of a place in the front rank of the "Queen's of Autumn."

## The Judges' Set of New Chrysanthemums.



Mrs. Henry Robinson.

### MRS. HENRY ROBINSON.

A perfect form, of the Queen of England type, of exceptional merit, large and well finished. An early white, blooming with us October 5th; fine substance and very lasting. Price, 20 cents each.

### H. W. RIEMAN.

Grand exhibition yellow. Terminal bud. Deep golden-yellow, very bright; very massive in build; as deep as wide, crowded with petals; stems very stiff, height four feet; foliage very beautiful; a grand addition to our already fine class of yellows; an ideal grower. Received \$25 premium at Indianapolis as best yellow; also certificate from N. O. S. at Philadelphia, November 10. Price, 20 cents each.

### M. RICHARD DEAN.

Very bright, clear pink, of beautiful shade; petals horizontal or recurved; of great substance and depth and above average diameter; one of the finest things brought before the public this year. First premium for best pink at Chicago in vase of 12 blooms. Price, 20 cents each.

### RIDER HAGGARD.

The largest Chrysanthemum that we have yet seen. Guard petals pink, long and drooping; immense deep rounded disc of deep rose and with amber shadings. Use a portion of charcoal in the soil. Terminal bud. Price, 20 cents each.

READ EVERY PAGE OR YOU WILL MISS MANY PLANTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE.





Mrs. R. English.

**MRS. R. ENGLISH.**

Style and shape of Ada Spaulding, but larger and brighter; color, clear rich pink. Early crown. Price, 20 cents each.

**MINERVA.**

An exceedingly attractive, bold, massive flower, very large incurved, the outer petals drooping, forming almost a perfect flower of the most vivid clear yellow, with extra good stem and fine handsome foliage within four inches of the flower. Certificates of Merit New York and Philadelphia shows. Price, 20 cents.

**JNO. SHRIMPTON.**

The finest red chrysanthemum extant—because it is simply an improved *Geo. W. Childs*. Blooms exactly similar, but a little larger, and the foliage much prettier. Price, 20 cents.

**W. W. Astor.**

Anemone flowered, long flat guard petals, salmon blush, high center of rose and gold; extra fine; crown bud. Price, 20 cts.

**San Joaquin.**

Anemone flowered; still one of the very best; very broad; center light lemon yellow; guard petals pure white. Fine for exhibition; keeps well; of good substance; terminal bud. Price, 20 cents.

**Lady Playfair.**

A fine midseason pink of clear shade. Large in size, of rounded form and good depth. Price, 20c.

**Delicatum.**

Long delicate blush guard petals; disc pale cream, tipped yellow; fine high center. Price, 20 cents each.

**Queen Elizabeth.**

Silvery blush, long fluted ray florets, center rose, tipped yellow. Price, 20 cents.

**Miss Louise D. Black.**

Color, reddish orange; terminal bud; flower compact, very full and conical. Lasts an indefinite length of time, either on or off the plant. Received certificate at Indianapolis and Philadelphia. Price, 20 cents each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—Any Eight of the "Judges' Set" of Chrysanthemums sent postpaid for \$1.00. The entire set of 20 for \$2.00. No further discount.

**MME. CHARLES MOLIN.**

This is termed in Europe the White Vivian Morel. We had this variety 11 inches across; color, pure white, sturdy grower; an unequalled exhibition variety. Price, 20c, each.

**LORD ROSEBERRY.**

Round incurved, of Chinese type; long, medium sized petals, silvery mauve, lined white. Terminal buds. Received numerous certificates in England. Price, 20 cents each.

**GEORGIANNE BRAMHALL.**

As fine as any of the fine sorts sent out in '95. Early mid-season. Grand globular incurving form of soft primrose yellow; broad petals; a fine grower with stiff stems; terminal bud. Price, 20 cents each.

**MISS FLORENCE PULLMAN.**

Pure white, very large, of deep build and good breadth: terminal bud; extra fine white. Price, 20 cents each.

**MRS. JOS. THOMPSON.**

Pure waxen white, broad, heavy petals; beautiful dwarf grower. Price, 20 cents each.

**CHAS. DAVIS.**

An English sport from V. Morel, which it resembles in all save color, which is a terra cotta or old rose, shading to clear yellow at the center. Like V. Morel, it undergoes a great change in color as it matures, and is often found a clear yellow, which led to its being characterized as the "Golden V. Morel." A grand exhibition sort. Price, 20 cents.

**PHILADELPHIA.**

The Philadelphia is a solid, massive-looking, globular flower, as round as a ball, very large in size, and has deep, incurved, grooved florets of good breadth, which are ribbed or veined on the outer face. The tips of the florets are rather sharply pointed, and the color is clear white, slightly tinted primrose at the tips. It has received highest awards wherever exhibited in this country. Price, 25 cents.



Miss Louise D. Black.

Send in your order early, we will send the plants at any time you may indicate.



# 10 of the Very Best White Chrysanthemums 10 CENTS EACH.



W. G. Newitt.

**W. G. Newitt**—Pure white, with long drooping petals from the outer rows, center petals upright; very informal in arrangement, of large size; the foliage extends up the stem quite to the receptacle, and acts as a support for the reflexed petals, broadening the flower very much in effect.

**The Queen**—A grand double white of fine form and great substance, very rounded in form, incurving and full. Attracted a great deal of attention at Madison Square, where it was awarded first premium for best white.

**Niveus**—A grand, snow white variety. Center irregularly incurving with outer petals reflexing nearly to the stem. Constitution robust, foliage large and abundant, while the keeping qualities of the flowers are unsurpassed. Without doubt one of the best seedlings of the year. Winner of the gold medal and \$100 at Cincinnati; the Periam & Thorpe special prizes at Chicago, also \$25 at Indianapolis, and the same at Bay City.

**Robert Bottomly**—Petals long, and when well grown, half an inch in breadth. Color, pure white.

**L. Canning**—Pure white flowers, very large and flat; good for all purposes.

**Mrs. Robert Craig**—One of the finest whites.

**Jessica**—The earliest white grown; flowers average 6 inches in diameter; away ahead of anything yet produced.

**Mutual Friend**—A reflexed pure white, from seven to eleven inches in diameter, great depth, stiff stems, heavy foliage within six inches of the flower; blooms a week later than Ivory; of medium height.

**Madame Bergman**—A grand new Chinese variety, of dwarf habit, very full in growth, and with large, dark-green foliage. The flowers are large and globular, with reflexed petals; color, pure white, center shaded with light yellow; especially valuable because it is the earliest of all large flowering sorts.

**Marie Louise**—A beautiful recurving white, with slender, interlacing petals, forming a plummy globe. Received Columbian Medal at the Chicago show. Not of enormous size, but of good substance; stems slender and stiff, foliage elegant; plenty of room for this graceful variety, which is a model for cut flowers.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—The above 10 Best White Chrysanthemums sent postpaid for 75 cents. No further discount..

*We offer 12 Chrysanthemums, of our selection, all good sorts, for 50 cents. See page 3.*



## 15 OF THE VERY BEST YELLOW CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

10 CENTS EACH.

**INCURVED JAPANESE VARIETY, KIOTO.**

No engraving can do justice to the unique and beautiful variety shown above. The color is deep yellow, with a peculiar waxy lustre; petals incurved and twisted; a free bloomer.

**H. L. SUNDERBRUCH.**

One of the very finest of exhibition yellows; size enormous, but not at all coarse; elegant grower.

**MRS. MARIA SIMPSON.**

Soft chrome-yellow, fine incurving form; broad petals; fine for cut blooms.

**MAJOR BONNAFFON.**

Soft, clear, incurving yellow, full in the center and deep. In perfect form and finish, like Ivory at its best. Habit dwarf; keeping qualities excellent. Foliage well up to the flower, stem stiff; an ideal variety. Bound to be one of the Chrysanthemums necessary to every collection. Awarded Columbian medal.

**CHALLENGE.**

The flower is a perfect globe of gold, which finally shows a pointed center. The color is bright yellow, the form quite as deep as wide, the stem very strong, foliage extra good.

**EUGENE DAILLEDOUZE.**

There is nothing brighter or clearer among yellows; the center is folded close, the outer petals are broad and incurving, and of great substance. It is full to the last degree, of great depth, and perfect in form, and the foliage uniformly perfect from ground to flower, not coarse nor large, but plentiful. A variety that was greatly admired last Fall at the various Chrysanthemum shows. We predict for it a great future.

**HARRY MAY.**

Flowers very large and deep, double; forming, when well opened, a massive sphere; color, deep old gold, with occasional veins of red; petals very broad and thick.

**H. E. WIDENER.**

Bright yellow without shadings. Flowers on stiff stout stems; free bloomer, one of the best yellows.

**MRS. C. D. AVERY.**

Japanese. Petals long, convexed and twisted at maturity. Color, a new shade pure dandelion yellow; darker than Lincoln or Widener without any bronze or red shadings, perfectly double; strong stems.

**SWANLEY YELLOW.**

Reflexed, of great depth. Petals long and twisted, open at the end, of a beautiful pure yellow, dwarf; one of the most distinct sorts.

**MRS. J. G. WHILDIN.**

A handsome, light yellow variety of splendid size and form. Took the Whildin prize at the Philadelphia show.

**WILLIAM H. LINCOLN.**

A magnificent golden yellow variety, with straight, flat spreading petals. An extra large flower, completely double, and of great substance.

**ELLA MAY.**

Primrose yellow, bright apricot center, extra large.

**SOURCE DE OR.**

Intense yellow, shaded old gold.

**BENDIGO.**

Golden yellow. A superb flower. Cup shaped.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—The above 15 best yellows, postpaid, for \$1.00. No further discount.



## 6 of the Very Best Red Chrysanthemums.

10 Cents Each.

**Majestic**—A deep glowing red; in color it is similar to "Cullingfordii," but larger and finer in every way.

**Victor**—A magnificent bright scarlet, with incurving center petals and recurving outer petals.

**Jas. G. Blaine**—The darkest colored Chrysanthemum on the list. Deep walnut brown, with touches of dark crimson, and a suggestion of gold dust; outer petals level, center slightly incurved. Very fine.

**Elmer D. Smith**—Color cardinal red, or a very pleasing shade, faced upon the back of the petals with clear chamois. The flower attains a great size, even under the most ordinary treatment.

**Gettysburg**—This is a deep crimson variety, and excels in its color, as Golden Wedding does in yellow. Deep, rich crimson, which in the flower itself is soft and velvet-like. The outer petals are broad and drooping, and have a lustrous sheen in the sunlight. The form is flat, with drooping outer petals, which gives it a very graceful appearance. This is the popular form, and combined with the splendid color, stamps Gettysburg as a Chrysanthemum of rare merit.

**George W. Childs**—The flowers are reflexed; color, deep, rich, velvety-crimson, with no shade of brown or chestnut; borne on strong, stiff stems; a fine, strong grower. The best early red variety.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—The above six best red Chrysanthemums, postpaid, for 40 cents. No further discount.

**WE KEEP PACE WITH THE TIMES IN NEW VARIETIES OF CHRYSANTHEMUMS.**



**10 OF THE VERY BEST PINK CHRYSANTHEMUMS.** Price, 10 cents each.**Lillian E. Bird.**

**Lillian E. Bird**—Of the very largest size, long, tubular petals of perfect form, producing flowers which are twelve inches in diameter, the color is an exquisite shade of "shrimp pink," the flower when fully opened being an immense half-globe. A magnificent variety.

**Mrs. E. G. Hill**—Specimens of this fine new early pink Chrysanthemum were passed upon by the judges at the World's Fair, and the exhibitor was awarded a medal and diploma, the points noted being earliness, size, form, color and vigor of growth.

**Violet Rose**—Of very silky texture; petals long and straight; a fine grower; flower of extra large size and fine color. A fine keeper when cut.

**Roslyn**—A superb clear rose pink; petals thick and heavy; cup shaped, solid to the center; immense in size; habit the best; stems stiff and erect, covered with luxuriant foliage.

**President Wm. R. Smith**—Color of Daybreak carnation, a pure self pink; very heavy in substance, on stiff stems; very free in growth and also free in propagation. The form of the flower is very beautiful in all its stages; it opens with a center incurving in a circle enclosed in broad outer petals; it gradually becomes rounded and deep; perfectly double; a splendid keeper; especially fine for cut flowers and exhibition blooms.

**Beau Ideal**—Beau Ideal is a bright rose pink, without touch of lavender shadings. The form is somewhat flat incurved, the outer petals horizontal, showing the bright pink, the incurving center showing a lighter shade. The petals are broad and of good substance, flower of fine size, stiff stems, foliage first rate. A good grower; everything that can be desired as a cut flower.

**Mermaid**—Soft, mellow pink, with deeper shading on the edge, while at the base it is of a deep cream. A fine, incurving, globular flower, the admiration of all who have seen it. Strong, healthy grower.

**Bride of Roses**—In color it is an exquisite shade of rosy pink, flowers of the largest size, when properly grown. It is a remarkably strong grower and wonderfully free bloomer. Taken all in all, it is unquestionably the superior of any other variety in its color as yet introduced.

**Judge Hoitt**—The greatest break in seedling in recent years; any one fully eight inches across; color pale pearl pink; the outer petals are broad and incurving, some three rows in depth. These form a saucer, enclosing a broad disc of central florets of wide open trumpet shape, which rise and fill the flower into rounded form from side to side. A nice, free grower, and of very easy management.

**Vivian Morel**—Not surpassed in beauty by any Chrysanthemum in the whole family. It is of very great size and very regular form; perfectly double; the color is soft creamy white, most beautifully shading into soft heliotrope color; very silky.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—These 10 best pink Chrysanthemums sent postpaid for 75 cents. No further discount.

We grow and sell, annually, 200,000 of the best sorts of Chrysanthemums.



# SELECT LIST OF STANDARD VARIETIES OF CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

PRICE, 8 CENTS EACH.

ANY EIGHTEEN FOR \$1.00



**Ada Spaulding**—Grand globular flower, quite distinct in form and of the largest size, while quite compact, it shades from a few rows of lavender and pink at the base up to a great crown of waxen white of heavy texture.

**Anna Dorner**—A full, fine, bold flower, with outer petals striped and shaded rich carmine; center cream-white.

**A. T. Ewing**—Color creamy-white, heavily banded and penciled in carmine-pink; petals very thick, broad and flat, with nicely rounded tips; perfectly double.

**Beauty Poitevine**—A large, massive flower, of fine form and very double; color rich vinous red; of sturdy habit. Fine foliage and good formed flowers.

**Cullingfordii**—A medium-sized flower, of the richest velvety-crimson; a grand pot variety.

**C. B. Whitnall**—Large, regular Chinese; outer petals curving, forming a perfect globe. Color a soft velvety-maroon; reverse a shade lighter.

**Col. Wm. B. Smith**—An immense double flower; petals very broad and large, forming a solid mass of richest golden-bronze.

**Christmas Eve**—Pure white; petals curved and twisted, forming a flower of peculiar appearance and great beauty. It is the latest to bloom and remains in good flower until nearly Christmas, hence the name.

**D. E. Stryker**—Bright purple; under side silvery; globular and handsome; a superb variety.

**E. G. Hill**—Immense flower; bright yellow, deeply shaded bright carmine; imported Japanese; a prize winner everywhere; especially good for pots.

**E. W. Clark**—Immense flowers; deep, rich pink, shaded with rose; very double. A reflexed Chinese variety, of dwarf habit.

**Emma Hitzeroth**—A magnificent extra large flower; petals broad and peculiarly arranged, completely filling the center; bright lemon-yellow, exquisite and a novel form, superior for commercial or exhibition purposes. Awarded at Madison Square Garden exhibition the Winslow cup for best yellow.

**Emily Dorner**—Rather dwarf grower, but very sturdy. The flower is nicely incurved; petals broad and of the richest shade of orange-yellow, touched with crimson.

**Geo. R. Gause**—The variety, Walter Coles, has been greatly admired, both here and abroad, for its unique color, a bright bronze of terra cotta; the present variety is almost identical in color, while the size is immense, and is nearly as great in depth as in diameter; shows no eye; petals straight or slightly incurving; a half globe in form; strong in growth and very free.

**G. F. Moseman**—By far the finest of all varieties yet imported; nine inches in diameter, irregular, incurved petals; buff without and bright red within; flowers large and of robust habit; always a prize winner.

**Jennie Williams**—Creamy-white, with yellow shadings; extremely double; petals upright and somewhat incurving; outer petals broader; massive and grand in build; a splendid exhibition variety; good grower.

**Joey Hill**—Of the very grandest size; we know of nothing larger in the entire family. Color deep cardinal red of beautiful shade, faced with old gold; the outer petals are flat, showing the color to good advantage; the center is an immense mass of closely packed petals, no room for another one apparently. Very strong in growth; an entirely new departure in reds.

**Mrs. Cleveland**—The most popular of all the Chrysanthemums of the Japanese type. Flowers are large, tubular petals, long and graceful, and as white as the driven snow. This style and form is very rare, and presents a remarkably striking and beautiful appearance.

**Mrs. Howells**—A fine red and gold variety; outer petals broad, velvety and reflexed; inner petals incurved, forming a round golden ball.

**Maud Dean**—An extra large flowered variety, petals broad and incurving, perfectly double and of great substance; color pink, almost rose, a shade not found in any other variety; a model variety for cut flower purposes in form, size, color, stem.

**Mrs. C. H. Wheeler**—Petals bright orange; under side of petals blood red. You can not do without this.

**Mrs. C. Harmon Payne**—A perfect Japanese flower of fine form; bright rose and white; large deep blooms of fine form.

**Miss Kate Brown**—The very finest of all the early whites, coming into bloom the first week in October; fully six inches across; a fine incurved flower with broad petals; first-class disbudded, and also beautiful in natural sprays. Highly appreciated in the East.

**Mattie Bruce**—A fine pink, shaded mauve. A reflex like Anna Dorner, of good size and strong growth.

**Tuxedo**—Amber bronze of very bright color; petals straight, forming a half globe when fully open.

**Walter W. Coles**—Very bright, reddish terra cotta; reverse pale yellow; outer petals, broad, long, pointed and horizontal, center shorter petals, bright gold, folded into pointed threads and whorled. A very large flower.

**V. H. Hallack**—Color beautiful clear pink (like Mermet Rose) the whole flower of one color, slightly deep at center; petals a solid waxy camellia-like texture, harmonizing with delicate color; one of the most beautiful Chrysanthemums in existence.

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DID YOU NOTICE THE "JUDGES" SET OF CHRYSANTHEMUMS ON PAGE 40?



# A Set of 8 Beautiful Ostrich Plume Chrysanthemums.



Mrs. Alphens Hardy.

## **Mrs. Alpheus Hardy, the White Ostrich Plumed Chrysanthemum.**

No engraving can do justice to the unique and peerless beauty of this new Chrysanthemum. Imagine plants completely studded with balls of flowers one foot or more in circumference, whose petals curved gracefully inward, and which in turn are dotted with a peculiar or hairy plume-like growth—the whole resembling more than anything else masses of Snow White Ostrich Plumes, and you then begin to form some idea of the beauty of this royal flower. Price, 15 cents each.

### **Louis Boehmer.**

This is identical in its strange and beautiful formation with the above variety, but its color is an exquisite shade of silvery pink, with deep rose on the inside of the petals; it is of vigorous constitution, being one of the strongest growing varieties we have, so that it is certain to produce perfect flowers under the most ordinary cultivation. Price, 10 cents.

### **Mr. H. Balantine.**

Ostrich Plume type. Flower rather flat, showing the center somewhat of a beautiful old gold or bronzy color. A free grower. Price, 15 cents.

### **Pearl Shell.**

Ostrich Plume type. Flowers very large, semi-double, of a beautiful pale pink. A free growing plant. Price, 15 cents.

### **Vanity.**

Ostrich Plume type. Flowers large, semi-double, of a lilac-pink color; petals sparingly hairy, incurved. Price, 15c.

### **W. A. Manda.**

Ostrich Plume type. Flowers very large, of a clear golden yellow color. Plant is vigorous in growth and the flower is borne upright on a stout stem. This is the grandest introduction from Japan made during the past year, and no collection can afford to be without this variety. Price, 15 cents.

### **Wm. Falconer.**

Ostrich Plume type. This originated as a sport from "Louis Boehmer." It possesses the strength, growth and foliage peculiar to that fine variety. The color of flowers is exquisite, being a charming shade of rosy blush, the ends of the petals frequently shading to cream color. price, 15 cents.

## **The Latest Novelty in Ostrich Plumes—GOLD DUST.**

**Gold Dust**—Pure golden-yellow, very plummy; very full, shows no center at all, finely incurved. Color very brilliant. Received honorable mention at Chicago, where it was described as a decided improvement on Yellow Ostrich Plumes. 25 cts.

**SPECIAL OFFER.** THIS WHOLE SET OF 8 OSTRICH PLUMES POSTPAID FOR \$1.00. NO FURTHER DISCOUNT.



# Three Carnation Novelties

As  
Shown  
in the  
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and  
described  
as follows:

**The Stuart**—Brilliant scarlet. An exceptionally bright color in a carnation. This is not a red, but is like that rich, glowing shade of scarlet so often found among geraniums. Growth very vigorous and strong. Foliage large and deep green. Flower stems long and strong, carrying the large, finely formed flowers with scarcely any support, of good substance and excellent keeping qualities. Calyx never bursting. Very free; blooming from November to July. Price, 15 cents.

**E. A. Wood**—A light pink, striped with a darker shade. This variety is now blooming for the third season and will prove a valuable sort for locations where striped flowers are wanted. The flowers are of large size, good form, and grown on very strong, stiff stems. Calyx never bursting. Keeping qualities excellent. Growth strong and healthy, blooming from early to late. If of a solid color, this variety would prove the best pink in Carnation, although in a bunch the variegation is little noticed. Price, 15 cents each.

**Uncle John**—An excellent white variety from Silver Spray and Heinze's White in the third generation. It has the grassy appearance of Heinze's White, but with larger blades. Growth very strong and luxuriant; flower stems long, wiry and strong; calyx never bursting. Flowers large finely formed, fringed and purest white; far freer in bloom than either of its parents. Price, 15 cents each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—The above named three Carnation Novelties, postage paid, for 35 cents.

## A Set of Five Superior Carnations.

**Golden Gate**—This is a pure yellow Carnation, of strong growth and very profuse flowering. There is no stripe at all in it, being a straight out-and-out deep, rich golden-yellow, without any other color whatever, under any circumstances. The florets are large and double as in Buttercup, and taken all in all, it is the very best yellow Carnation out. Price, 15 cents each.

**W. A. Scott**—This is in style of growth between the tall-growing Richmond and the more dwarf Spartan. Growth vigorous, very free blooming from early to late; foliage not quite as heavy as that of Richmond. Flowers large and non-bursting; of a deep Grace Wilder pink; a little irregular, but not to any disadvantage; it helps to overcome the sameness and stiffness which is so often objectionable in a bunch. Stems long, of good strength, but seldom branching. A good keeper. Price, 15 cents each.

**American Flag**—This grand novelty is a sport from that fine standard sort, "Portia." Vivid scarlet and pure white, and at first sight instantly recalls our national flag, hence its name. Just at the present time, when the people throughout the country are vainly seeking for an appropriate flower acceptable to all as our national emblem, nature has opportunely come to our assistance by presenting us with this grand flower—the product of American soil—which seems especially created for that purpose, uniting the red and white in the flower with foliage of metallic blue. 15 cts. each.



**Blanche**—A white variety of great merit. Growth strong and vigorous; foliage is of a lighter shade of green than that of any of the other varieties; stem heavy and very much branching. Calyx strong, non-bursting. Flower medium to large, pure white, deeply fringed, petals loose, center ones standing erect, having in a mass the appearance of snow-flakes; extremely free blooming. Price, 15 cents each.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds**—A very strong vigorous grower, very free blooming from early to late; foliage very heavy; flower stem strong and branching. Flowers large, with broad petals of a bright clear pink color with a delightful sweet odor, mixed slightly with clove. The flowers open readily, and when expanded keep on growing from four to five days until the pistil is fully developed, and is never-bursting. We have kept flower on the plant in a salable condition for two weeks, and have kept them when cut and in a good cool place equally as long. Price, 15 cents each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—This Superior set of Five New Carnations sent postpaid for 60 cents.

We fill all orders as soon as received, unless the weather should be unfavorable for shipping,



# TWO OF OUR MOST CHOICE CARNATIONS

(See illustrations.)

## Goldfinch

AND

## Dr. Smart

Price, 15 cents  
each, or the 2  
for 25 cents.

**Goldfinch** — Yellow edged pink. This variety resembles Wm. Scott in growth and is fully as free blooming. The color is a little lighter shade than Buttercup and is of medium size. Calyx never bursting.

Stems very strong and do not need tying. The good qualities in growth and free blooming places it above Buttercup, and undoubtedly can be grown where Buttercup is a failure.

**Dr. Smart** — Of the same dwarf habit as Sparton; healthy, vigorous growth, blooming from early to late. Flowers medium to large and grow mostly one on a strong twelve to fifteen inch stem; of a peculiar pinkish cream color striped with crimson; calyx strong, never bursting. A very lovely variegated Carnation, admired by all who have seen it. Cut blooms will keep for two weeks if properly cared for.

## CARNATIONS OF SPECIAL MERIT STANDARD LIST.

Price, 10 cents each, any three for 25 cents. Entire set of fourteen for \$1.00.

**Chester Pride** — One of the very best variegated sorts; striped pink on white ground; very handsome and attractive; never bursts; free bloomer; good healthy grower; very desirable.

**Diaz Albertini** — Free blooming qualities for the whole season; stem very strong; calyx peculiar cup-shape, the points bracing against the petals, making it very strong. Flower very large, center round and full; color a delicate flesh pink with a very strong clove fragrance.

**Daybreak** — The flowers are of the largest size, very double and full in center, the center petals are slightly raised; the petals are thick and of heavy texture. In color it is a beautiful pure bright flesh color with no salmon shading, and is entirely distinct from any other variety now in cultivation.

**Fred Dorner** — A deep velvety red, flower extra large, sold more than three inches across, a constant free bloomer and vigorous grower.

**Grace Wilder** — One of the most beautiful varieties grown; soft carmine pink; very robust and floriferous.

**Hinze's White** — The flowers are very large, white, with a delicate tinge of pink.

**Lizzie McGowan** — A new variety that is considered one of the best white Carnations introduced within the last few years. Flowers large and produced in great profusion.

**Mrs. Harrison** — Pure white, of heavy texture; produced in great profusion.

**New Jersey** — Fine crimson-scarlet, double and of delightful fragrance.

**Orient** — A beautiful illuminated crimson color, free and early flowering; dwarf habit; flowers all on long stems.

**Richmond** — A very strong, vigorous grower, with heavy foliage, blooming from November till July; stem strong and extra good length, leaves beautifully curved. The flower is very large, of extra good build, and of brilliant carmine color. The blooms should not be cut too early. The buds open very readily, and the flower keeps on growing from four to five days before fully developed. Price, 20 cents each.

**Portia** — A new and valuable addition to the list of Carnations; flowers of a brilliant scarlet, and remarkably sweet-scented, on this account the flowers are always in great demand. Plant a strong grower of bushy habit.

**Silver Spray** — This we consider, taking all its characteristics into consideration, the finest white, and the purest white Carnation we know of. Of strong robust habit, dwarf, compact growth, a very profuse bloomer, flowers produced on long stems, very large and well formed.

**Tidal Wave, the "Pink of Pinks"** — We believe this to be the most valuable Carnation ever offered of its color. The flower is a bright pink-shaded salmon when first opening, but growing brighter when fully expanded.

## Sweet May, or Hardy Scotch Pinks.

These are more dwarf than the Carnation, growing about one foot in height, the colors being of the various shades of maroon, carmine and rose, beautifully laced and banded on white ground, flowers perfectly double, clove-scented, and the plants will stand out of doors year after year, being entirely hardy. Price, 10 cents each; three for 25 cents.

**Annie Boleyn** — Flowers very large, dark maroon in color, shading light crimson, and clove fragrance.

**Brunette** — Center very dark velvety, almost black.

**Earl of Carlisle** — Various shades, maroon and rose, with white.

**Juliette** — Deep cherry red, variegated with pink and pale silvery white. Very fine.

**Gertrude** — White, with rich maroon and carmine markings.

**Laura Wilmer** — A very beautiful new variety with fringed edges. It has a very large center, velvety maroon, surrounded by cream white.

**Stansalarius** — Pink-tinged, violet maroon, markings delicately fringed.

**Variabilis** — White, blotched crimson and maroon.

**The New Double White Pink—Her Majesty.** We have much pleasure in drawing attention to this charming novelty, which is unquestionably one of the finest of the century, and one that will hold its own as long as Pinks are cultivated. It has become one of the most "popular of the day" and is being grown by acres to supply the demand (which must come) for cut flowers. It was freely exhibited in 1889, and was the great attraction at every exhibition. Price, 15 cents each; two for 25 cents.





# BEGONIAS—Flowering Varieties.

## RUBRA.

If you only have one Begonia, let it be a Rubra, for it will prove a constant delight. It is so fast growing that it will in a year or two reach the top of your window, sending up heavy stiff canes an inch in diameter, and rising beside them will grow strong, slender branches, gracefully drooping under heavy waxen leaves and pendant panicles of coral-colored flowers as large as a hand. We have seen a medium-sized plant with more than twenty such panicles at a time. Among the individual flowers you will find three distinct forms growing side by side. One of the most wonderful plants within our knowledge. Small size, 10 cents; large, 20 cts.

## President Carnot.

A remarkably strong-growing variety, of stiff, upright habit, foliage large and somewhat in style of Begonia Rubra, but more than twice as large; upper side deep green, under side purplish-red, flowers beautiful coral-red, in large pendant panicles. A truly magnificent sort, we believe the best of the recent introductions. Price, 20 cents each.

## New Begonia, M. De Lesseps.

The leaf is of silky texture, and is beautifully spotted with silver. Very strong, free-growing variety, that will succeed with any ordinary care, growing rapidly and sending out quantities of beautiful white and pink flowers. Price, 10 cents each.



Begonia Rubra.

## Alba Perfecta Grandiflora.

We doubt if there is a white-flowered variety that equals it. The foliage resembles Rubra in shape, but is a lighter green, while the flower panicles are much handsomer. It is a pure white flowering Begonia of much merit. Try it. Price, 10 cents each.

## Gloire de Lucerne.

A beautiful variety that is evidently a cross between Sanguinea and Rubra, both of which it resembles in foliage, while the bloom is the most beautiful rosy vermillion. The leaves are of most beautiful form, broad and deeply lobed, bronze green above and purple below. The plant assumes a fine tree form with a little attention. Price, 10 cents each.

## Souv. de President Gaulin.

Foliage large, somewhat lobed; deep green, slightly spotted white, flowers in enormous pendant panicles, color a rich carmine-coral. Price, 10 cents each.

## Bertha de Chateaurocher.

Next to Dewdrop, this is the freest-flowering Begonia we have. It blooms the year round, makes a handsome window plant with its beautiful foliage and bright currant-red flowers. Price, 10 cents.

## Sanguinea.

Leaves darkest glossy green or olive, underside dark crimson, flowers white, makes a charming combination. Price, 15 cents each.



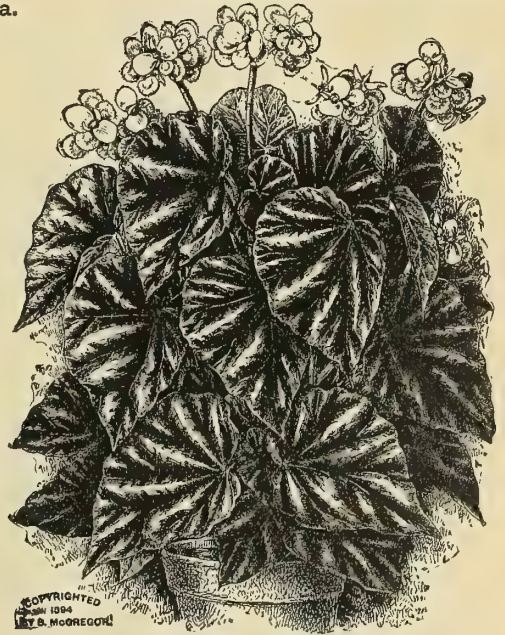
Begonia Dewdrop.

## THE NEW DEWDROP BEGONIA.

Is always in bloom; will stand the strong sun during Summer, and is one of the finest plants ever introduced. Flowering Begonias are the most satisfactory plants for house decoration, and if different varieties are used a succession of bloom can be had all through the Winter. In the new Begonia Dewdrop we have the best flowering Begonia ever obtained. Price, 10 cents.

## ALBA PICTA.

Long, pointed, slender leaves, thickly spotted with silvery white. Foliage small and elegant. Price, 10 cents.



Begonia Thurstoni.

## NEW BEGONIA THURSTONI.

This elegant new Begonia is without a rival as to combinations of both foliage and flowers. It is not as free in bloom as some other Begonias, but what it lacks in freedom of blooming it makes up in its grand foliage. The underside of leaves is a rich, purplish-red, the veins very prominent, while the face, or upper side is a bronzy-green, shaded with crimson and olive, with a peculiar glossy metallic luster over all. Flowers rosy-white in large clusters, well above the foliage. The plant has a fine habit. Taken altogether, we think this the best all-round Begonia we grow. Price, 10 cts.





Metallica.

## Begonia Metallica.

This elegant variety has very large glossy leaves shaded with green, crimson and olive, with a peculiar metallic lustre over all. Flowers large, dark pink in color. The cut gives a good idea of its habit, but no engraving or description can portray its beautiful appearance. We have a fine stock of this beautiful house plant. Price, 15 cents.

### CORAL BEGONIA.

**Sandersonii**—One of the best flowering Begonias. The flowers are of a scarlet shade of crimson, borne in profusion for months at a time; leaves slightly edged with scarlet. Price, 10 cents each.



Metallica Velutina.



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Begonia, Wettsteinii.

## NEW BEGONIA, WETTSTEINII.

This fine Begonia is in the direct line of Rubra, so well and favorably known. The leaf is ornamental, being peculiarly indented and a lovely shaded coloring, dark marbled green, shading lighter, with a line of scarlet at edge of leaf, the flower being similar to Rubra, but lighter in color. Price, 15 cents.

**Decora**—A shrubby variety, with dark green leaves, profusely marked with spots of silver gray, after the style of *Argyrostigma*. Price, 10 cents each.

**Foliola**—A handsome basket plant. The foliage is small and delicate, and contrasts well with its white bloom; very elegant. Price, 10 cents each.

**Fuchsoides Coccinea**—Elegant, free-blooming variety. It resembles *Hybrida Multiflora* in growth. The flowers are bright scarlet. Price, 10 cents each.

**Hybrida Multiflora**—Very free blooming, with beautiful pink flowers. Price, 10 cents.

**McBethii**—Foliage fern-like. Panicles of pure white flowers produced in the greatest profusion. It is the most persistent bloomer of the Begonias, and supersedes *Richardsonii*, which variety it resembles in foliage. Price, 10 cents each.

**Marguerite**—Similar to *Metallica*. Leaves bronze green. Light rose colored flowers. Price, 10 cents each.

**Robusta**—This is one of the most peculiar Begonias grown. The stock, stem and underside of the leaf are Indian red; the upper side of the leaf glossy olive green. The flower is composed of two wide and two narrow petals, the wide ones being broadcast at the base and terminating in a round point; of a beautiful bright rose. Price, 10 cents each.

**Wettsteinii**—A handsome winter flowering variety, giving in profusion its lovely pink flowers. Easy cultivation. 10 cents.

**Zebrina**—An erect growing variety, with a beautiful profusion of pendant leaves. Besides its graceful form the leaf is distinguished by its glistening, silvery shading following the leaf, the body being a very dark, velvety green; underside plum color, vein green. Flower pure white. A beautiful variety. Price, 10 cents each.

### METALLICA VELUTINA.

A beautiful, erect grower, with dark, rough foliage of a lustrous bronze-green on upper surface, underside reddish-bronze, in style of growth resembling one of its parents, *Metallica*, but with larger leaves and of stronger growth. Flowers rosy-white. One of the very best of the new sorts. Price, 15 cents each.



**NEW EVER-BLOOMING BEGONIA, VERNON.**

This beautiful new Begonia has been universally accepted as the most useful and really meritorious novelty introduced for years. In habit and freedom of bloom it quite resembles the well-known Begonia, *Semperflorens*. Its numerous flowers are of a brilliant deep carmine color and the foliage of a fine green color, spotted and margined with bronzy red, which grows more intense with the advancing season. The staminate flowers with their bright yellow centers give the last note of color, and contrast admirably with the brilliant red flowers and metallic foliage. Above all, it blooms with the greatest profusion throughout the entire Summer and Winter. It is without comparison as a beautiful blooming plant. Be sure and try it. Price, fine plants, 10 cents.

**NEW BEGONIA, ARGENTEA GUTTATA.**

This variety is an introduction of M. Lemoine, and is a cross between *Olbia* and *Alba Picta*. This beautiful sort has the silvery blotches of *Alba Picta* and the grace and beauty of growth of *Olbia*. It has purple-bronze leaves, oblong in shape, with silvery markings, and is in every way a most beautiful Begonia. It produces white flowers in bunches on ends of growth stems. It will be splendid for house culture. Price, 10 cents each.



Argentea Guttata.



Begonia Vernon.

**BEGONIA REX, QUEEN VICTORIA.**

Solid silvery leaf of crepe-like texture, reddish veins, embroidered margin, and fluted reddish edge. Price, 15 cents.

**BEGONIA REX, QUEEN OF HANOVER.**

Leaf of very soft velvety texture, covered with red pile; center and edge of soft green velvet, the zone formed by tiny silver dots. Price, 15 cents each.

**MME. TREYVE.**

One of the upright growing varieties, but of the distinct form and texture of the true Rex. Narrow edge of brownish plum color about a very broad soft green zone. Price, 15 cents each.

**REX BEGONIAS.**

Our collection includes all the different colors and forms known among this beautiful and ornamental plant. Nothing can surpass them for the window or conservatory culture, or they may be planted in a shady situation under trees or along the side of the house. The Rex varieties will make immense leaves.

**BEGONIA REX, LESOUDII.**

This is the finest and largest-leaved of any of the Rex family. It is impossible to describe in words the beautiful markings of this magnificent Begonia. It is a cross between *Begonia Diadema* and a Rex variety, but retains in a marked degree the Rex character. We consider this the finest of all the Rex family, both in size of leaf and rich coloring. Price, 15 cents each.

**BEGONIA REX, LOUIS CRETEN.**

The handsomest of all variegated foliaged Begonias. Of very easy growth, and an excellent plant for window decoration, requiring occasional watering with liquid manure. Foliage large; ground color dark green, with silver band, tinted violet crimson, with a beautiful metallic lustre over the whole. Can be grown in any ordinary sitting room to perfection. Price, 15 cents.

**LORD PALMERSTON.**

Broad like metallic zone; edge and center dark red, finely dotted over with silver. Price, 15 cents each.

**BEGONIA, KING OF REX.**

One of the most effective of its class, though the oldest variety. Of a beautiful metallic lustre, center and edge a soft velvety green, with a broad silver zone terminating at the point. The foliage of this Begonia on well-grown specimens is so massive and the growth so majestic as to awe the beholder. Indeed, we doubt if we have a handsomer plant than this. It is of the very easiest culture. Anyone can succeed with it. Price, 15 cents each.



King of Rex.

**Remember—We deliver plants into your hands by mail free of additional cost.**





Begonia Clementina.

### New Rex Begonia, **CLEMENTINA.**

A cross between Rex and Diadema. The color of the stem and the upper surface of the leaf is a beautiful bronze green, ornamented with large silver spots, arranged parallel with the ribs of the leaf; the under side of the leaf is a bronzy red, which produces a beautiful effect. It is a rapid grower, and of the easiest management and propagation. Price, 15 cents each.

### New Begonia, **RUBELLA.**

A very ornamental Indian species, belonging to the Ricinifolia section. The leaves are irregular and blotched red, on a pallid ground; ribs banded with a purplish brown, under surface red. This makes a grand specimen plant, and will enrich any collection of Begonias. The flowers are borne on strong stalks one foot above the foliage, in large panicles of pink and white. A superb Begonia. Price, 15 cents each.

### **DIADEMA.**

This is a distinct and comparatively new variety. The leaf is large and deeply lobed, giving it a very tropical appearance. Color of leaf a rich olive green, handsomely spotted with silver. It grows well and is indeed very attractive. Price, 15 cents each.

### Rex Begonia, **RICINIFOLIA**

So called from its likeness to the Ricinus, or castor-oil plant. The leaf is very large—will average a foot or more in diameter—and is separated into seven or nine large points, carried on thick, heavy stems, eighteen inches or more in height; color a rich green, with reddish markings; surface velvety. In bloom it is magnificent; the panicle, composed of great numbers of individual pink blooms, is lifted high and spray-like, quite clear of the foliage. One of the best for Winter bloom, besides being ornamental in foliage. Price, 25 cents each.

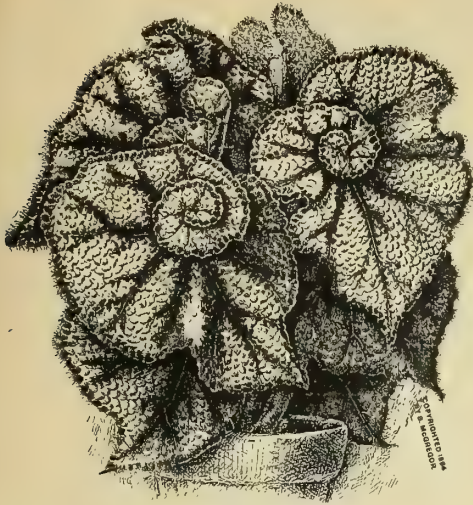


Rubella.



Diadema.





Erdody Begonia.

**COUNTESS LOUISE ERDODY.**

The leaf has a metallic luster, dark-silvery in the center, shading to coppery-rose toward the margin. The striking peculiarity which distinguishes it from all other Begonias consists in the fact that the two lobes at the base of the leaf do not grow side by side, but one of them winds in a spiral-like way until in a full grown leaf there are four of these twists lying on top of the leaf nearly two inches high. During the past season we have grown a fine lot of this rare Begonia so that our patrons may rely upon getting this beautiful novelty whenever ordered. Price, nice plants, 25 cts. each.

**ROI FERD MAJOR.**

Extra large leaf of fine silver, small dark starry center, and edge embroidered in the same dark shade. Extra fine. Price, 20 cents each.



Speculata.

**New Begonia, SPECULATA.**

Quite a novelty in the Rex type. Leaves are in the form of a grape leaf. Color is a bright green, with a back ground of chocolate; veins of a light pea-green, the whole leaf spotted with silver. In bloom it is magnificent, the panicles, composed of great numbers of individual pink blooms, are lifted high and spray-like quite clear of the foliage. Price, 15 cents each.

**Rex Begonia, MARQUIS DE PERALTA.**

One of the freest growing of Rex Begonias, throwing out great clusters of leaves, which are exquisitely beautiful.

They are edged by a very narrow band of silver of uniform width. This borders a bright green zone mottled in silver, which encloses the zone proper, which is a broad silver band about a dark-rayed center. Price, 20 cents each.

**QUADRICOLOR.**

Center a good red, surrounded by silver white zone, banded with light, soft green, with a ruffled edge of bright red; very beautiful. Price, 15 cents each.

The Begonia Rex is the king of foliage plants, far out-showing all others. It seems to feed on the richest metals of the soil, and to spread their lustrous tints over its leaves, which thus become an illuminated map of the mineral kingdom. On this map it is easy to pick out the country of gold, of silver, of copper and bronze, of Malachite and Chrysolite. Give them a soil composed of rich loam, woods earth, and sharp sand. They require a warm moist atmosphere, and a shady situation; suitable for wardian cases. Do not allow the sun to strike the leaves while wet, and do not over water.

We have a large variety of these plants, of which the cuts above are fair samples.



Marquis de Peralta.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—For a remittance of \$1.00 we will send post paid, 10 Rex Begonias from the foregoing list, strictly our selection. This is a magnificent offer. NO FURTHER DISCOUNT.

**DID YOU ORDER THE 1896 ROSE SET ON PAGES FOUR AND FIVE?**





## WHITE CALLA, Or Lily of the Nile.

This is the well-known Egyptian Lily, or Lily of the Nile, with large white flowers, broad foliage, and it will prosper under very adverse circumstances. If you want large Callas send to us, as we are headquarters for them. We have three sizes, small plants, to bloom next Winter, 10 cents each; strong blooming bulbs, 25 cents each; extra strong bulbs that will produce a half dozen blooms, 35 cents each.

## CALLA RICHARDIA, Spotted Calla.

The Richardia Alba, or Spotted Calla, is a plant of magnificent appearance. The leaves are of the richest green, spotted with pure white; the flowers are white, with a rich chocolate throat. It can either be grown in a pot, planted in a border, or in a vase or rustic stand, the latter being a very effective way of showing its beauty. Price, 15 cents each; extra large bulb, 25 cents.

## THE NEW Black Calla.

The introducer says: "Among recent bulb introductions we doubt if there has in several years been anything brought out which is so eminently desirable as this. It is a bulb which has come to stay, and finds its way rapidly in every collection of flowers. Its flowers are enormous, fully a foot in length. Color, clear, coal black, so intense that it really shows a brilliancy, and, as may well be imagined, it is a flower of the most striking oddity and beauty. The bulbs are large, and should be potted in the Fall, and when growth commences, set in a window. After blooming, the foliage will die down, and the bulb should be kept dry for planting again in the Fall. It is a native of the Holy Land. Treat same as for White Calla." Fine bulbs, 25 cents; large size, 40 cents.



## New Ever-Blooming Dwarf Calla,

## "The Gem."

This is a novelty of great merit, which we can highly recommend, having given it a fair trial with the ordinary variety known as the Calla Lily. The only objection to the old variety is that it sometimes grows tall and scraggly, but the "Gem" is of strong and dwarf habit. The foliage is of a lustrous dark green and is produced in great abundance. Its flowers are produced in the greatest profusion, being literally an ever-bloomer; it will bloom freely all Summer out in the open ground; in September it can be lifted and potted, and will continue blooming all Winter. The "Gem" Calla will continue to grow and bloom for years without ceasing, and the quantity of flowers which a large plant will produce is astonishing. Price, 20 cents each.

WE ASSURE YOU OF PROMPT AND LIBERAL TREATMENT OF YOUR ORDERS.



# FOUR NEW DWARF CANNAS OF UNSURPASSED BEAUTY

THE SET OF FOUR POSTPAID FOR 75 CENTS.

**CHARLES HENDERSON.**

A magnificent variety, named by Mr. Crozy in honor of Mr. Charles Henderson. The flowers are deep, rich crimson, borne in compact, symmetrical heads, above a rich green foliage. The habit of the plant is dwarf—about 8 1/4 feet high—but the foliage is broad and massive. Taken all in all, this variety may well be considered the finest of recent importations. Price, 25 cents each.

**FLORENCE VAUGHAN.**

A splendid yellow Canna of large size and perfect form, petals being broader than Madame Crozy; color being brilliant golden yellow, dotted with brilliant scarlet; vigorous grower and very free bloomer; one of the best Cannas in cultivation. Price, 30 cents each.

**PAUL MARQUANT.**

A very beautiful and distinct variety; the individual flowers are the largest among the race and are a peculiar shade of salmon, overlaid lightly with soft, rosy carmine, very pleasing to the eye. It can be planted with effect in juxtaposition with any variety, crimson, yellow, red or spotted. Price 25 cents each.

**QUEEN CHARLOTTE.**

It is doubtful if there is a finer Canna on the market; its brilliancy dazzles the eye; center is an intense, velvety-crimson color, contrasting vividly with the broad yellow band surrounding it. The plant is compact; the great heads of flowers are borne in profusion. Price, 30 cents each.



Queen Charlotte

## Select List of New Dwarf French Cannas.

### ALPHONSE BOUVIER.

This is the grandest of all Cannas for outdoor bedding. It is a very luxuriant grower, in good ground. It begins to bloom very early and is one continuous mass of crimson the entire season. The tips of the shoots are surmounted by immense clusters of bright crimson flowers of the very largest size, and nothing can exceed their brilliancy. Price, 20 cents each.

### MADAME CROZY.

Undoubtedly the grandest of all varieties. The color is a brilliant vermillion scarlet, bordered with deep golden-yellow; the flowers are borne in great clusters and in such profusion that they crown the plant with a blaze of glowing color. The foliage is vivid green, broad and massive; the habit of the plant is compact and vigorous, its natural height being rarely more than four feet, but the flowers form when it is scarcely a foot high, and continue coming on the plants until frost. Price, 15 cents each.

### EGANDALE.

Probably the finest bedder of its color, if not of the whole list. Deep soft red, compact spikes of medium size; a wonderfully profuse bloomer, beds of it being literally a mass of red; foliage a beautiful rich purple. Price, 20 cents each.

### DUCHESSE DE MORTEMARTE.

A vigorous grower with large leaves, throwing up numerous flower stalks; flowers large and round, composed of large, round petals; color yellow, very bright, lightly dotted carmine; extremely fine. Price, 15 cents each.

### MISS SARAH HILL.

Very dwarf, handsome light green foliage, numerous, strong, compact flower stalks, flowers large, petals well rounded, superb amaranth carmine. Price, 15 cents each.

### STATUTAIRE FULCONIS.

As fine a variety in its color of soft, bright cardinal red, as is Madame Crozy among the orange-scarlets; the truss is enormous, composed of quantities of flowers; spikes freely produced; a magnificent grower; produces a mass of brilliant red. Price, 15 cents each.

### SOUV. DE ASA GRAY.

Plant very vigorous; foliage green and produced in profusion. Flowers very large; beautiful citron-yellow, striped with flame. Price, 15 cents each.

WE WILL SEND THE ABOVE LIST OF SEVEN NEW FRENCH CANNAS, POSTAGE PAID, FOR \$1.00.

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## COLEUS.

**W**HETHER has been in our large city parks will never forget the little ornamental bed—curving and quaint designs and mingling arabesques of orange, blue, canary, yellow, scarlet, silver-white, claret, pale green, purplish black and olive—that look like vari-colored rugs spread at short intervals on the smooth lawn. Sometimes one large circular bed is filled with maroon-leaved Coleus with very striking effect. Plants should be set about a foot apart, so that when the size of the bed is ascertained it is easy to figure how many plants are needed of each kind in a row. We do not advise the ordering of Coleus until after the 15th of March, as they are easily chilled.

### The Newest Coleus Out—Beckwith's Gem.

This new Coleus is, without doubt, the finest ever introduced; there are hundreds of varieties in cultivation, many of them so near alike that it is difficult to detect a difference, but in Beckwith's Gem we have a Coleus that is strikingly distinct from all others. Many varieties, while very pretty, are weak in growth, but in this we find the strongest and healthiest grown we know of. The leaves are large, of heavy texture and with finely scalloped edges. It is the finest bright colored bedder yet offered. The coloring is such that it baffles a true description. The center is of the darkest velvety-maroon, bordered by a fiery-red, the edge is green at the base, changing to a cream-yellow at the point of the leaf, marked and spotted with the red and maroon. The whole has the appearance of three leaves of different sizes lying closely one upon the other. Price, 15 cents each.

### A Royal Coleus—Mrs. F. Sander.

This new, large-leaved type of Coleus differs entirely from the small-leaved section, being stout in texture and very grotesque in form of leaf and coloring. The many beautiful forms of the leaves and their indescribable brilliancy of coloring, render a perfect description impossible. Mrs. Sander differs from all other varieties of Coleus in having a wedge of creamy-white in the center of the leaf, with clearly defined margin of oxide green, brown, crimson and purple. This central wedge-shaped creamy-white blotch occupies the greater part of the leaf, and is sometimes splashed with magenta and porphyry. Price, 15 cents each.

### Standard List, 6 cents each; 20 for \$1.00.

**Amethyst**—Center clear amethyst purple; blotch of deeper hue; green edge, bordered and veined bronze.

**Acme**—Ground color, deep chocolate and creamy-white, beautifully veined and striped.

**Autumn Leaf**—Yellow, green and rose; the mingled tints and shape of leaf reminding one of Autumn's colors.

**Bizarre**—Crimson center, edged with green and gold.

**Beauty**—A crimson bronze, with green edge.

**Chicago Bedder**—Green and gold. An excellent bedder.

**Diamond**—Center of leaf a lustrous purple, surrounded by dark-maroon, mottled and veined green, deeply toothed foliage.

**Firecrest**—Pointed foliage, deeply serrated, a brilliant flame crimson.

**Golden Bedder**—The foliage is of the brightest and purest yellow, equally as good a bedder as Verschaffelti.

**Garnet**—Large leaf of garnet, with bronze shadings; base of leaf bright violet. Holds its color when planted out.

**Hero**—Chocolate maroon, almost black.

**James Barnshaw**—Yellow and crimson, striped.

**Miss Retta Kirkpatrick**—Large white center, shaded with yellow, broad, green lobed margin. Large foliage.

**Mrs. Hunt**—A beautiful carmine center, bordered maroon, with a bright green margin.

**Mrs. Shultz**—Yellow, green and rose, crimped foliage.

**Modesty**—Rose-pink center, veined white, green and yellow edge, crinkled and serrated; a splendid dwarf variety.

**President Garfield**—A grand variety. Chocolate, marbled with bright, rosy carmine.

**Rob Roy**—Dark carmine pink; yellow and green edge, finely serrated.

**Royal Mantel**—Light brick red, exquisitely fringed with serrated golden edge, sometimes shaded pink.

**Spotted Gem**—Yellow, blotched crimson and green.

**Setting Sun**—Leaves richest crimson, broad, green margin.

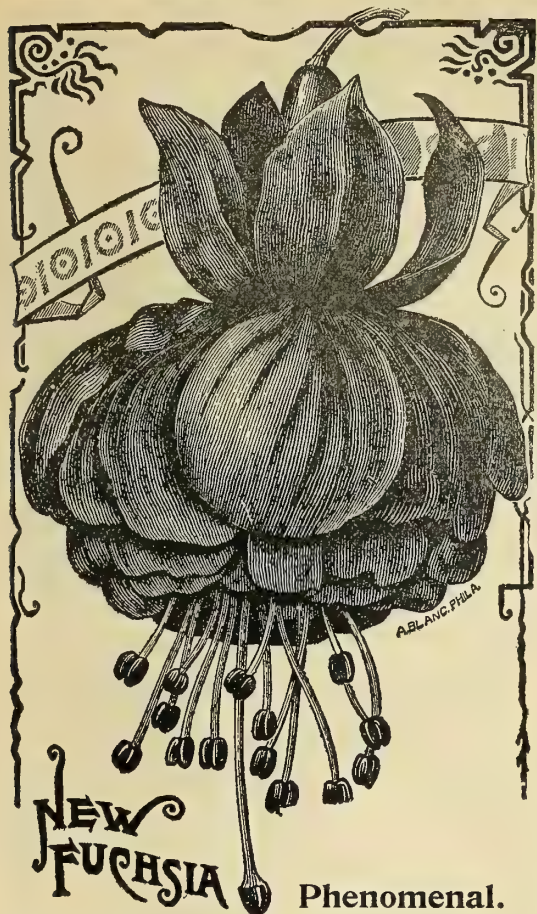
**Verschaffelti**—The oldest and still the best of the Coleus family for bedding. Young plants are often a dingy shade for a short time after planting, but they soon assume the rich velvety-crimson so satisfying to the eye. Combines admirably with Golden Bedder.

**Yeddo**—New in the Coleus line; bright green center, edge white, with a few garnet veins, deeply cut and showy.

For lack of space we do not mention about 50 other distinct sorts of Coleus which we have in stock. If you will leave the selection to us we will send you 25 grand sorts for \$1.00, postage paid. By express, 50 for \$1.00, or 100 for \$3.00.

For a miscellaneous plant collection, what do you think of the Great "United States"—Page 7?





## Single Fuchsias.

PRICE, 8 CENTS EACH.

**Abundance**—Tube and sepals red, single corolla; purple.

**Black Prince**—A single-flowering sort, with red sepals and light carmine corolla; all through the summer it is one mass of buds and bloom, and is one of the most satisfactory of all Fuchsias.

**Chas. Blanc**—Single. Sepals dark red; corolla rosy amaranth. Very free bloomer.

**Dr. Topinard**—Sepals large, cherry red; large, open corolla, white marked rose.

**De Mirble**—Sepals relieved, bright red, quite large corolla, rose and violet.

**Earl of Beaconsfield**—Vigorous growing, free flowering, a beautiful habit. The blooms are three inches in length, and of great substance; the tube and sepals are of a light rosy carmine; corolla deep carmine.

**Henry Brooke**—Sepals blood red, corolla small, single, dark purple.

**Mrs. George Rundle**—Long tube and sepals, rosy salmon.

**Oriflame**—Tube and sepals clear crimson, large single red corolla; beautiful amaranth.

**Pres. McMahon**—Corolla scarlet, sepals greenish yellow; a fine variety.

**Rose of Castile**—Blush white sepals; rosy-purple corolla. One of the best of its color.

**Sedan**—A very distinct variety. Corolla and sepals nearly the same color, rose, shaded crimson; blooms very freely, good habit.

**Speciosa**—A well known variety, producing large flowers two inches in length, tubes and sepals of which are bluish, the corolla crimson. Some plants of this variety, grown in eight or nine-inch pots, will produce from three hundred to five hundred flowers from December to May.

**Surprise**—Large, single flowers, waxy white, corolla pale magenta, bordered, very dark.

**Syringa**—Large truss of flowers, resembling in shape a bundle of sticks. Winter bloomer.

**Wave of Life**—Foliage bronzy-yellow. Flowers violet and crimson.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—We will send the above 15 Single Fuchsias, postpaid, for 85 cents. No further discount.

## DOUBLE FUCHSIAS.

Price, 10 cents, except where noted.

**Avalanche**—Beautiful golden foliage and dark, double violet purple corolla.

**Dolly Varden**—Flowers globular, dark red tube and sepals, with rich dark blue corolla, one of the finest sorts.

**Duke of Albany**—One of the grandest and most distinct varieties; tube short; sepals bright red, corolla very large and double. Color a beautiful lilac, changing to clear rose.

**Enfant Prodiges**—Dark double blue corolla.

**Jules Monge**—Rich coral, with immense deep purple corolla.

**Madame Van der Strass**—Very large and double, pure white corolla, beautiful, reflexed, bright scarlet sepals. This variety is almost perfection.

**Monstrosa Superba**—Very large, double flowers, covering the entire plant. Pure white corolla; beautifully reflexed, bright scarlet sepals.

**Mrs. E. G. Hill**—This superb variety is undeniably the most perfect and beautiful double white Fuchsia ever raised. The short tube and sepals are a bright, rich, reddish crimson color; corolla extra large, full and double; flower of the largest size. Price, 20 cents each.

**Phenomenal**—The largest Fuchsia we have yet seen—larger than Champion of the World. The tube and sepals are bright coral-red, beautifully formed. The corolla, nearly two and one-half inches across, is of the very richest violet shade. The habit is remarkably free, and it blooms more freely than any large variety we have seen.

**Paris Murcie**—Nearly perfection as to free growing and habit, being strong and bushy, beginning to flower quite early in the season and continuing very late. The tube and sepals are brilliant deep scarlet, thick and leathery in texture; the corolla is very large and double, and nearly pure white.

**Rosaine's Patri**—A splendid double variety, in the style of that fine variety, "Col. Domine," a wonderfully free bloomer, quite early, tube and sepals rosy carmine, corolla of the purest white. Its early blooming qualities make it doubly valuable for market florists.

**Trophee**—Clear red sepals, dark double blue corolla.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—This list of 12 Double Fuchsias sent postpaid for 75 cents. No further discount.



Rose of Castile.

WE WILL FURNISH ALL THE ORDER SHEETS YOU CAN USE. ASK FOR THEM.



## HYDRANGEAS.

### New Hydrangea.

#### Otaksa Monstrosa.

##### A GRAND NOVELTY.

Color of bloom, intense rose, shaded white; borne in much larger clusters than in Otaksa, quite small plants bearing blooms of enormous size, and which are very lasting in quality. The variety is free in growth and very free in the production of bloom; one of the finest novelties of this year. Price, 50 cents each.

#### RED BRANCHED HYDRANGEA RADIUS PICTUS.

We consider this variety the most elegant Hydrangea for pot culture or for tubs grown. It is much handsomer than Otaksa, the foliage being darker green, with black stems, making it very distinct. Flowers rosy carmine, changing to blue, the dark green foliage and purple-black stems being in contrast with rosy carmine flowers. Price, 20 cents each.

#### PURE WHITE HYDRANGEA, THOMAS HOGG.

A pure white variety, with trusses of flowers measuring 15 inches in diameter. The plants when full grown attain a height and width of six feet. Perfectly hardy, and is one of the finest plants for cemeteries. Price, 10 cents; large plants, 25 cents each.

#### HYDRANGEA, SAPPHIRE.

In this we have what has so long been sought for, viz.: a true blue Hydrangea. The plant is a strong but stocky grower, throwing out numerous trusses of bloom, formed of several rows of flowers, with petals of porcelain blue color, and with a large almost flat center composed of multitudes of small flowers without petals, of the deepest azure blue. It is not only an abundant bloomer, but begins blooming when very young and continues in flower at all seasons. The foliage is of moderate size, deep green and glossy, contrasting exquisitely with its bloom; remains vigorous, clean and attractive at all times. Price, 15 cents each; large size, 40 cents.

#### HYDRANGEA, OTAKSA.

A splendid variety from Japan. Flowers large, bright pink, tinted with blue; produced very freely. Price, 10 cents each; large plants, 25 cents.



Hydrangea  
Stella Fimbriata.

#### White Fringed Hydrangea, Stella Fimbriata.

A new Hydrangea, which is not only finer, but is also harder than the white Hydrangea, "Thomas Hogg." The flowers are formed in immense trusses, sometimes nine inches in diameter; the bracts are of the purest white, fringed and have a crimson spot in the center. Plants attain a diameter and height of from three to four feet. Price, 25 cents each.

#### HYDRANGEA HORTENSIS.

A well-known and favorite old plant, producing large heads of pink flowers in great profusion. It thrives best in a shaded situation, with a plentiful supply of water. Price, 10 cents; large plants, 25 cents each.

## JASMINES.

The Jasmine is a favorite greenhouse or house plant everywhere, while in the South it is perfectly hardy. It is the idol of the poets and one of the sweetest flowers.

**Grand Duke of Tuscany**—Easily grown, even small plants bearing a profusion of double creamy-white flowers, having a delicious perfume. A magnificent plant, and will become one of the most valuable and popular pot plants when it becomes better known. It can be stored in a dry cellar in the winter. Fine plants, 25 cents; large plants, 50 cents each.

**Grandiflorum**—Foliage fine. Flowers white, star-shaped and fragrant. Blooms from November until May. Easy culture. Price, 10 cents each; large plants, 30 cents.

**Gracillimum**—A flowering shoot is produced from every joint, which terminates in a dense cluster of pure white fragrant flowers; in bloom from October to February. Price, 15 cents each; large plants, 40 cents each.

**Poetica**—Similar to Jasmine Grand. Flowers smaller but borne on large spikes. Makes a valuable climbing plant, though if desired can be grown bush form. Price, 10 cents each.

**Revolutum**—A strong climbing plant, with glossy leaves and single, deep yellow, fragrant blossoms. A beautiful plant, and easily grown. Almost hardy in this latitude. Price, 15 cents each.

#### NEW JASMINE, MAID OF ORLEANS.

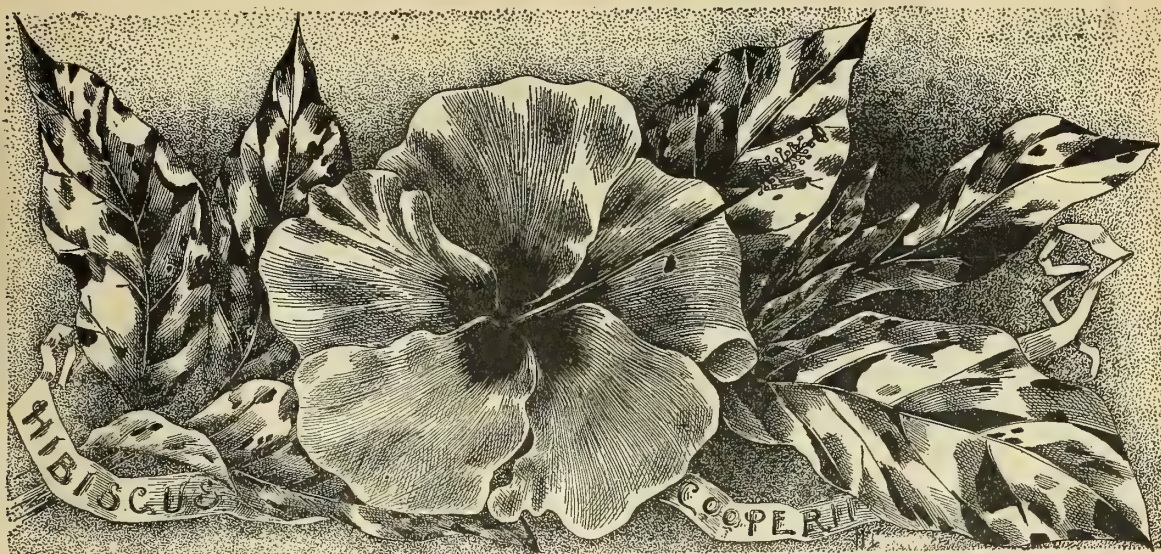
A very attractive new sort, with good sized double flowers, blooming profusely all Summer, shining pale green foliage. We predict for it a rapid sale, as it is so much easier to handle than other Cape Jasmynes, and, on the whole, more desirable. Nice plants, 25 cents; extra large plants, 50 cents.



Jasmine Grandiflorum.

Kindly send us the name of one or more of your friends, we will send them our Catalogue.





## HIBISCUS.

**L**ARGE growing tropical shrubs, with very glossy foliage. The plants under the hottest sun, produce enormous flowers in great numbers, and make noble specimens. They can be grown in tubs and kept for years. The blooms average five or six inches in diameter, and are gorgeously colored. The plants can be wintered over in a warm, dry cellar or pit. Price, 8 cents each, except where noted. Large plants, 18 inches to 2 feet high, by express only, 25 cents each.

### DOUBLE FLOWERING.

**Auriantica**—Large, double orange-colored flowers.

**Collerli**—A remarkably new, distinct variety, introduced from the South Sea Islands. Flowers buff-yellow, with a crimson-scarlet base, and peculiarly handsome.

**Minutus Semi-Plenus**—Semi-double flowers of a bright vermilion scarlet; petals waved and recurved; the flowers noticeable for the absence of formality, but are very handsome.

**Rubra**—A magnificent double variety, large red flowers.

**Sub Violaceous**—Flowers of enormous size, of a beautiful carmine, tinted with violet; probably the largest flower of the Hibiscus family, and an unusually free bloomer.

**Zebrinus**—Double, outer petals scarlet, edged with yellow, inner petals very irregular, curiously variegated with creamy yellow scarlet.

### SINGLE FLOWERING.

**Decorus**—Foliage very large and lobed; flowers enormous, on long stems, of a beautiful rosy carmine color; the stamens and pistils are very showy; the stigma is large, circular and golden yellow.

**Gen. de Courtigis**—A very grand, large-sized flower; single light scarlet; very showy.

**Grandiflorus**—Rich, glossy foliage; blooming profusely through the Summer, literally covering the plants with scarlet-crimson single flowers.

**Magnificus**—Very large flowers, and of perfect form; color deep magenta, ends of petals touched with brown; foliage finely touched. Price, 15 cents each.

**Rosa Sinensis**—Flowers red and very large, averaging nearly five inches in diameter.

**Versicolor**—A variety combining in its flowers all colors of the whole family, being handsomely striped crimson, buff rose and white.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—Any 8 of the above named Double and Single Hibiscus, sent postpaid for 50 cents. No further discount.

## THREE NEW HIBISCUS OF SPECIAL MERIT.

### The Beautiful Hibiscus Cooperii Tri-Color.

Foliage beautifully variegated with dark green, pink and white, flowers crimson. This beautiful tri-color plant is one of rare magnificence, and is unequalled by any other plant in brilliancy of foliage. Strong plants, 15 cents each.

### Carminatus Perfectus.

Full, round flower of perfect shape, and of a rich, soft carmine-rose, with a deep crimson eye. A beautiful free blooming variety. Price, 15 cents each.

### New Single Hibiscus, Denisonii.

The most distinct of all Hibiscus. On account of the difficulty in propagating, it will always be scarce. Color a delicate carmine, and changes to pure white. Price, 15 cts. each.

## Lantanas, or Shrubby Verbenas

The brilliant colors, robust growth, and profuse blooming habits of the Lantana, render it one of the finest bedding plants that grow. The flowers embrace all of the most delicate shades of orange, sulphur, creamy-white, etc., changing from one distinct color to another, as they increase in age and development. The varieties described give a wide range of color, and include the most distinct and profuse blooming varieties. Price, 8 cents each, except where noted.

**Lantana, Alba Perfecta**—Pure white, very fine.

**Comtesse de Biencourt**—Flowers bright rose and yellow, center sulphur; dwarf and bushy.

**La Pleur D'Or**—Small, pure yellow flowers, very dwarf and bushy, very abundant bloomer. This will please you.

**Michael Schmidt**—Flowers fresh and sparkling, of a brilliant yellow, passing into purple vermilion.

**Mine D'Or**—A new variety, orange and crimson flowers and golden variegated foliage.

**Javoll**—The finest pure white yet introduced; florets large, forming large spikes of bloom.

**Jaune D'Or**—Fine golden yellow, with bronzed edges.

### New Lantana, Surprise.

This Lantana is without doubt the finest in our collection. It is a dwarf, bushy grower, and a most prolific bloomer, the flower is large and of globular form, the center is orange yellow, passing to deep maroon at the margin. 15 cents each.



# HELIOTROPES. The Emblem of Devotion.



TWO  
BEAUTIFUL  
Sweet-Scented  
NEW  
HELIOTROPES  
For 25 Cents.

## MME. A. CARRIERE.

In the line of novelties in Heliotropes, Mme. A. Carriere stands at the head; it has a very large white eye, contrasting with the bright blue; panicles very large. Semi-dwarf, extremely free. Price, 15 cents each.

## PICCIOLA.

Rosy violet with white center. A grand giant variety, also very free and of beautiful habit. Price, 15 cents each.

**THE HELIOTROPE** is universally esteemed and admired for the delicious perfume of its flowers, and as the plant only requires the treatment ordinarily given to the Verbena, it may be enjoyed by all. Price, 8 cents, except where noted.

**Albert Delaux**—Foliage is a bright golden-yellow, very pronounced, and marked slightly with a delicate green. In bloom it is exquisitely beautiful, the deep lavender color of the flower contrasting admirably with the ever varying foliage.

**Dark Boquet**—The large flower heads are intensely dark, of the deepest blue in color, and most deliciously fragrant. The plants will flower freely during the Summer, and then can be removed to the house for Winter blooming.

**Evening Star**—Dark violet, white eye.

**Florence Nightingale**—Dark lavender; fine.

**Juliette**—Very dark purple. A grand bedding variety.

**Mad. de Blonay**—Very large trusses of pearly pure white flowers.

**Mad. Bruant**—One of the finest we have ever seen. Plant dwarf and exceedingly free blooming, immense panicles of very large flowers, rich purple and large white eye.

**Mrs. David Wood**—The new semi-double, although we can not see any double to it. However, it is a very nice, distinct Heliotrope, with large trusses of violet flowers with light center.

**Queen of the Violets, or the Queen**—Color of the deepest violet purple, with large, almost white eye, and very fragrant. The plant is of vigorous habit, very floriferous, and cannot be too highly recommended. Price, 10 cents each.

**Snow Wreath**—The nearest approach to pure white we have in the Heliotrope. Exquisite fragrance.

## SALVIA—FLOWERING SAGE.

The Salvia is of easy culture, attaining a height of two to three feet. The flowers are very attractive; are fine for bedding, the scarlet variety especially.

Price, 8 cents each.

**Salvia, Mrs. Stevens**—A new variety with brownish-red flowers.

**Rosea**—A Winter flowering variety with rose colored flowers, borne in spikes six inch in length.

**Splendens**—The standard sort for bedding, flower spikes of the most brilliant scarlet.

**Alba**—A white variety of Splendens, identical in every respect except color, which is pure white.

**Splendens Variegata**—White and red flowers very evenly striped.

**Amabalis**—A very free flowering sort, flowers deep violet, shaded porcelain blue and white, a splendid flower to cut for bouquets.

**Rutilans**—(Apple scented.)—Beautiful spikes of magenta colored flowers, graceful foliage, scented.



*Strobilanthes Dyerianus.*

## The Latest Novelty—*Strobilanthes Dyerianus.*

This plant will undoubtedly become universally popular on account of its brilliant and exquisite coloring, its extraordinary easy growth and usefulness as a decorative plant. It surpasses the finest Coleus, Begonias, or Bertolonias, in the exquisite coloring of the leaves, besides which the long racemes of lovely violet blossoms with which the plant is covered in mid-winter, greatly enhance its value, beauty and usefulness. The undulation on the surface of the foliage is furnished with a blueish metallic hue, shading into light rose with a light green margin. It will prove a valuable acquisition, both as a bedding and decorative plant. See illustration above. Price, 25 cents each; three for 60 cents.

SEE THE 9 ROSE BEAUTIES DESCRIBED ON PAGE 12.



# PALMS.

Most plants are beautiful only when in bloom, which is but for a small part of the year, but there are plants which are alike attractive in Winter as well as in Summer, such as the Palms, Ferns and the many varieties of foliage plants.

The following varieties of Palms are of easy culture in the parlor or conservatory, and no home should be without one or more of them.

**Areca Lutescens**—A most elegant Palm. One of the best for general decorative purposes, easily grown, useful in every stage of its growth, fine color, graceful habit, stems golden-yellow. Price, fine plants, 50 cents; large plants, \$1.00.

**Chamaerops Excelsa**—This is one of the finest pot plants imaginable, and the easiest to grow of any of the Palm family. Being almost hardy, it is not injured by slight changes in temperature, and its stiff, glossy leaves enable it to stand the dry, hot air of the living room without injury. Small plants 15 cents each; handsome larger plants, 30 cents each.

**Corypha Australis**—This is one of the most valuable greenhouse Palms; leaves very circular, margin divided into small segments, dark green; of easy culture. Small plants, 25 cents each; a very nice, larger size, 50 cents each.

**Filifera Palm**—(Washington Filifera)—It has elegant dark green, fan-shaped leaves, from which hang thread-like filaments. The plant is a compact grower, well adapted to pot culture. Price, small plants, 15 cents; larger size, 25 cts. each.

**Kentia Belmoreana**—The Kentias are among the best of the Palm species for general cultivation, being almost impregnable against diseases. This variety is one of the best in its class, graceful habit, bright green foliage gracefully disposed; as a decorative plant for the window, dinner table, or conservatory, it scarcely has an equal. Price, 50 cents each; large plants, 18 inches high, \$1.50 each.

**Kentia Fosteriana**—This is one of the finest pot plants imaginable, and the easiest to grow of any of the Palm family. Being almost hardy, it is not injured by slight changes in temperature, and its stiff, glossy leaves enable it to stand the dry, hot air of the living room without injury. The leaves are a deep, glossy-green, fan-shaped, split deeply into segments. This is, without exception, the most hardy of its class. It is very graceful for table decoration. Scarcely has its equal. Price, 50 cents each; large plants, 18 inches high, \$1.50 each.

**Seaforthia Elegans**—Leaves long, gracefully arched, dark green; plant perfectly smooth—a grand decorative plant. Price, 15 cents; larger, 30 cents; extra, two feet high, \$1.00.



Pandanus Utilis.

**Pandanus Utilis**—For majesty of form and gracefully arranged foliage this is without a peer, while its vigorous constitution enables it to stand more neglect, without serious injury, than almost any other plant we know of. As an ornament for the window its glossy, dark green, serrated foliage renders it unusually attractive, while as a vase plant or single specimen in greenhouse or conservatory, it can not be surpassed. It is also largely used to decorate the halls in our finest private residences, and shows grandly on the lawn when grown to a sufficient size. Price, nice young plants, 25 cents each; large plants, 75 cents each.



Latania Barbonica.

**Latania Barbonica**—Leaves large, fan-shaped, of a very cheerful green color; plant of hardy construction, and adapted to all decorative purposes, within or without doors; appreciated by all the plant loving community. The cut shows a healthy plant of about five years old. Nice, young plants, 15 cents; handsome larger plants, 40 cents; extra size, \$1.50 each.



GREVILLEA. (The Silk Oak.)

**Grevillea Robusta**—(The Silk Oak)—A magnificent plant for decorative purposes, of rapid, easy growth, fully cut foliage, rivaling a rare fern. The young, growing leaves are a light brown color, the tips being covered with a soft down, closely resembling raw silk, hence the name of "Silk Oak." In its native place it attains magnificent proportions and produces an abundance of bright, orange-colored flowers. We offer three sizes of this beautiful plant. Nice plants, 15 cents each; a larger size at 25 cents each; choice specimens at 50 cents each.



## 3 FERNS 3

These beautiful plants are now very generally cultivated. Their great diversity and gracefulness of foliage make them much valued as plants for vases, baskets or rock work, or as specimen plants, for parlor or conservatory. Keep them out of the direct sunlight, and water carefully, that the delicate roots lying near the surface may never become dry.

**Pteris Tremula, or Shaking Fern**—One of the finest Ferns for house decoration, growing very rapidly, and throwing up large, handsome fronds. It makes magnificent specimens. Easily grown and very popular. Price, 15 cents each.

**Pteris Argylea**—("Silver Fern.") A very showy Fern, with variegated foliage, fronds large, light green, with a broad band of silver-white down the center of each. Very distinct. Price, 25 cents each.

**Davallia Stricta**—One of the finest Ferns in cultivation, whether for growing as a decorative plant in the room or planting out; the fronds are of a strong texture and of a beautiful shade of green. See cut. Price, 25 cents each.



Sword Fern. (*Nephrolepis Exaltata*.)

**Sword Fern**—A really graceful Fern, multiplying very fast in throwing out vines, on which grow separate plants again. See cut. Price, 20 cents each.

**Adiantum Cuneatum**—(Maiden Hair Fern.) A very beautiful and graceful Fern, its delicate fronds being much used for cut flower work. Price, 15 cents each.

**Lastrea Aristata Variegata**—This most beautiful variety has a broad band of yellowish-green running through the pinnacles along the course of the radius; very ornamental. Price, 25 cents.



Fern, *Davallia Stricta*.



*Dracaena Terminalis*.

### DRACÆNA TERMINALIS.

A superb species, with rich crimson foliage, marked with carmine-pink and creamy-white words cannot describe the exquisite coloring. This is one of the most admired of the decorative species, its elegant habit and extremely beautiful lively coloring giving it marked value. It is a rapid grower, and for room adornment or as a vase plant for out-of-door use it is indispensable. Price, 50 cents each.



*Dracaena Indivisa*.

### DRACÆNA INDIVISA.

One of the most popular plants for house decoration or for the center of lawn vases. As a single specimen plant for a jardinier in a hall or drawing room, it has no equal. It is more graceful than a Palm, and because of its slender drooping leaves is often called a "Fountain Plant." The leaves are of several shades of green, with delicate stripings of yellow and red, which become marked as the plants grow older; it grows rapidly, is adapted to the close atmosphere of the house and is very inexpensive. We offer two sizes of this desirable plant. Nice plants, 15 cents each; large, handsome plants, 25 cents.

SEE OUR LARGE LIST OF GERANIUMS. WE CAN SUPPLY BETTER VARIETIES AT CHEAPER PRICES THAN ANY ONE ELSE. TRY US.





THE BEAUTIFUL NEW  
**Swainsonia Galegifolia Alba.**

We bring prominently before flower planters this very distinct climbing plant for house culture and protected spots in the garden. The habit of growth is extremely graceful, and the vines, trained up at the side of a window or on a trellis, present a lovely sight of light-green, feathery foliage, and a splendid profusion of pure white sprays of fairy-winged flowers, somewhat resembling Sweet Peas in form. Easily grown, and under favorable conditions it is almost a perpetual bloomer. There is certainly no climbing vine for house or conservatory culture to-day that is more desirable than this fine, new plant. Fine plants, by mail, 20 cents each; three for 50 cents.

## Otaheite Orange.

This valuable and distinct variety of the orange family is a dwarf, compact grower, with glossy, deep-green foliage, which has a decided odor of the orange trees of Florida, and is exceedingly floriferous, producing a wonderful profusion of pure white flowers of the most delicious fragrance, identical with the much-sought-for blooms of Southern orange groves. Otaheite fruits immediately after flowering, bearing fruit about one-half the size of the ordinary orange, retaining in a marked degree their sweetness. This unique Orange cannot be equaled as a Winter-blooming pot plant for the house, and is of the easiest culture. It requires but little sunlight, and flowers and fruits when but twelve to fifteen inches high. As a pot plant this lovely dwarf Orange is one of the most novel and beautiful that can be grown. With a couple of plants of it you can have an abundance of the far-famed delicate and fragrant Orange blossoms. We have grown a large stock of clean, vigorous plants that will bloom and fruit at once of this beautiful Orange, and commend it to our friends as a novelty of sterling worth and merit. Price, 10 cents each; large, strong plants, to bloom and bear profusely at once, 25 cents each; extra large, 50 cents.

## The Trifoliate Orange.

This new hardy Orange delights all who like beautiful and novel hardy plants. An orange tree growing vigorously on the lawn or in the garden, blooming and fruiting in abundance, is certainly a rare sight. The beautiful little trees are entirely hardy in the open ground as far north as Boston. They are of dwarf, symmetrical growth, with glossy green trifoliate leaves. The lovely pure white orange blossoms are elegantly perfumed, and borne in constant succession. The fruit is small, bright red in color and very curious. Price, 20 cents.



**If You Want Better Plants Than Your Neighbors, Buy of Us.**





### New Abutilon, SOUVENIR DE BONN.

A very distinct and striking new plant with large, bright green leaves distinctly edged with a pure white band as shown in illustration. The plant is of strong, robust growth, and forms fine specimens in a very short time. The long stemmed flowers are bright orange-veined with crimson and stand well out beyond the foliage, producing a very pleasing effect. An excellent plant for large vases and porch boxes, contrasting finely with green-leaved decorative plants. Price, 15 cents each.

### ACALYPHA.

Now that it is generally known that Acalyphas flourish under the full sun, they are freely planted in ornamental beds and masses. Their foliage is tropically rich, with marbling and variegations of clear red, crimson and dark bronze yellow.

**Marginata**—Dark bronze with rose-margined foliage. This variety equals the showiest varieties of Coleus in effect, and has besides a decided advantage over any Coleus, namely, to be harder, and not liable to wilt in the hottest and driest weather. Price, 10 cents.

**Tricolor**.—A beautiful plant with large and highly colored leaves. Bright red with blotches of crimson-bronze. See cut. Price 10 cents each.

### AGATHEA CELESTIS.

(Blue Daisy)—The flowers are daisy-shaped, of a delicate light blue, with a yellow disc. It blooms in great profusion from November to April, and makes a novel and pleasing feature in any collection of plants. Price, 8 cents each.

### ANTHEMIS CORONARIA. FI. PI.

**Double Yellow Marguerite**—No plant could be more showy either as a pot plant or bedded out. Might well be called "Showers of Gold," as it is a perfect mass of rich, golden-yellow flowers the whole year round, well grown plants having as many as 150 flowers on them at once. Price, 10 cents.



## ABUTILON, OR FLOWERING MAPLE.

PRICE, 8 CENTS EACH, EXCEPT WHERE NOTED.

The Abutilon or Flowering Maple is a plant of as easy culture as the Geranium and quite as satisfactory. It is beautiful, both in leaf and flower and is very profuse in bloom.

**Arthur Belsham**—Has a long pendant flower, of clear crimson, without markings; flower stems of unusual length and flower of good shape. A charming sort.

**Boule de Neige**—Pure white flowers, of the real "bell" shape, dwarf and compact in growth, but strong, healthy, and always becoming. Price, 15 cents.

**Eclipse**—A new variegated Abutilon. A cross between *Thompsonii* and *Wexillarium*. Foliage four times as large as the latter sort and beautifully variegated. Of robust growth, will stand the sun, and as an edging for sub-tropical beds it is unsurpassed, being distinct and a decided acquisition. Price, 10 cents.

**Golden Bells**.—Appropriately named; a well grown plant of this variety has the appearance of being hung with abundance of glittering golden bells, making a fine contrast against the bright green leaves. A strong, handsome grower. Flowers bell-shaped, of a rich, golden-yellow. It blooms continually through the entire Summer. Price, 10 cents.

**Prince of Hellbron**—Beautiful, variegated foliage, of bright green and gold; flowers light yellow, veined crimson.

**Robert George**—A free and continuous bloomer; flowers large, incurved, overlapping petals; orange, veined crimson.

**Rosafiora**—Despite later introductions, the best pink variety we have seen. The clear rose or pink of its flowers is fresh and beautiful; free bloomer. Price, 15 cents.

**Royal Scarlet**—Needs no other description than its name, which was aptly given. Very free and of excellent habit.

**Thompsonii Plena**—New; has perfectly double flower that resemble in form a double hollyhock. Color a rich deep orange, shaded and streaked with crimson. The foliage is delightfully variegated. Price, 10 cents each.



Asparagus Plumosus Nanus.

**Asparagus Plumosus Nanus**.—One of the handsomest of our foliage plants. The leaves are a bright green, gracefully arched, and as finely woven as the finest silken mesh. Their lasting quality when cut is remarkable, retaining their freshness for weeks, hence it ranks as the most valuable plant we have for this purpose, surpassing Maiden Hair Fern in grace, fineness of texture and richness of color. See illustration. Price, 25 cents each.

**Asparagus Tenuissimus**—We cannot too highly praise this beautiful new plant. If so desired, it can be grown like a Smilax or on a trellis. Its fine filmy foliage is indispensable in bouquets, and will keep for several days after being cut, without wilting or changing color. It is also very desirable for decorating, along with other plants, when grown as specimen plants or in pots. It is of the easiest culture and will thrive with almost any kind of treatment. Price, 10 cents each.



## ALLAMANDA.

### New Variety, WILLIAMSII.

One of the finest novelties of this year. Williamsii is a beautiful bush or shrub form of our old favorite, and bears the bloom on the tips of the branches in clusters, much in the style of an *Azalea*. The flowers are not quite so large as in *Hendersonii*, but are borne in great profusion, and are the same golden color. Very fragrant. Begins blooming in small,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pots; the handsomest yellow flowering greenhouse plant to date. Has attracted immediate attention wherever shown. Price, 50 cents.

## ALLAMANDA.

### HENDERSONII.

This remarkably fine variety is one of the best yet introduced. The flowers are golden yellow, very large, finely formed, thick and wax-like; as an exhibition plant or hot-house climber is unequalled. Price, 25 cents.



Cyclamen.

### GIANT PERSIAN CYCLAMEN.

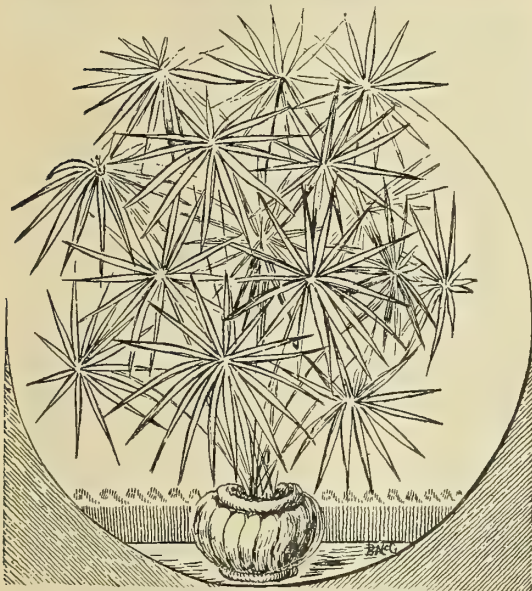
The flowers are of extraordinary size and of great substance. Leaves are proportionately large and beautifully marked. Price, 30 cents each.

### CYCLAMEN ALBUM.

The color is white, tipped at the base with rosy purple. Price, 20 cents each.

### CYCLAMEN RUBRUM.

Same as above, except that the flowers are red. Price, 20c.



Umbrella Plant—(*Cyperus Alternifolius*.)

### UMBRELLA PLANT.

An ornamental grass, throwing up stems about two feet high, surmounted at the top with a whorl of leaves, diverging horizontally, giving it a very curious appearance. Splendid for the center of vases, or as a water plant. Price, 10 cents.

### CAMPYLOBOTRYS REGALIS.

This is a beautiful greenhouse shrub, remarkable for its glossy foliage, which is a rich bronzy green, with a satin luster. A plant of rare beauty. Price, 25 cents each.



Clerodendron Balfouri.

We can safely recommend this grand Clerodendron as one of the most satisfactory plants for window culture now known. It is a vigorous, rapid and healthy grower, and produces an abundance of blooms, which are bright crimson surrounded by pearly white petals producing a striking contrast against the dark green foliage. It can be used for a fine specimen pot plant and can be grown to fine form by cutting off the ends of the growing shoots. A partially shaded position is conducive to rapid growth. We have an extra fine stock of well-grown Clerodendron plants, which we are positive cannot fail to give the utmost satisfaction. See cut, Price, 10 cents each.

### CLERODENDRON FRAGRANS.

This is entirely distinct from the above, being of dwarf, shrubby growth and bearing large double, white flowers, of the most delicious fragrance. Price, 25 cents each.

### CISSUS DISCOLOR.

A well known climber with leaves beautifully shaded dark green, purple and white, the upper surface of the leaf having a rich, velvet-like appearance. Price, 20 cents each.

### CROTONS.

The Crotons are among the finest decorative foliage plants known. The leaves of all or more or less veined and margined, sometimes entirely variegated with shades of yellow, orange and crimson. Some have long, narrow leaves, arching gracefully fountain fashion, other broad and short, oak leaved. Some recurved, very much, others twisted, cork screw like. Crotons love heat, sunshine and moisture. We have a number of the best sorts. For lack of space we do not name the varieties but can send choice kinds at 10 cents each.

WE PACK ALL PLANTS CAREFULLY IN STRONG BOXES, SO THEY TRAVEL SAFELY TO ANY PART OF THE COUNTRY.



## New Double White Daisy Snow Crest.



Cestrum Parqui.

**CESTRUMS, or Night-Blooming Jasmines.**

These beautiful shrubs are cultivated for the delicate fragrance of the elegant flowers, which are borne in clusters. Of easy cultivation.

**Laurifolium**—A handsome plant, with large, glossy foliage and pure white flowers. Price, 10 cents.

**Parqui**—This well-known and highly prized plant, blooming nearly all the year, is a native of Chili. An excellent garden plant, growing rapidly. Foliage long, and of deep green color. Sweet only at night. It is also well adapted to house and window culture. Price, 20 cents.

**New Centaurea, Sweet Sultan.**

The flower is the size of a medium carnation; pure white and sweet-scented. It is a fine thing for cutting, and its lasting quality after being cut is remarkable. Price, 25 cts.

**Calceolaria, Creole Queen.**

Produces in the early Spring a mass of beautiful, pocket-like, crimson flowers. Price, 10 cents each.

**Calceolaria Shower of Gold**—Same as the above, but with yellow flowers. Price, 15 cts.

**Cuphea, Platycentra, (Cigar Plant.)**

Tube of flowers scarlet, lip white and crimson. Price, 10 cents each.

**New Tri-Color Cuphea, Llavae.**

Flowers tubular in shape, one and one-half to two inches long, and have two bright scarlet wings at the end of each flower; the tip of the flower is bright purple, the stamens are pure white. The plants are always in bloom when given proper care. It grows into a bushy plant about 15 inches high, and makes an elegant appearance for baskets or bedding. Price, 15 cents each.

**Epiphyllum, or Lobster Cactus.**

A wonderfully free bloomer, frequently blooming three or four times during the year. Of drooping, weeping habit, the flowers are bright and beautiful. Price, 20 cents each.



DOUBLE WHITE DAISY SNOW CREST.

A most distinct and an improvement on all existing sorts. Its habit of growth and size of flowers, in comparison with older varieties, is gigantic. The flowers, which are borne on stout, stiff stems from 6 to 10 inches long, are of the purest white and full to the center. When fully developed they rise to a conical, or sugar-loaf form, and well-grown specimens will cover a silver dollar. It makes an admirable hardy garden plant or may be forced for cut flowers under the same treatment as violets. Price, 15 cents.

**Eucharis Amazonica.**

**Eucharis Amazonica**—This is the far-famed "Lily of the Amazon." The flowers are white, star-shaped, exquisitely fragrant and borne in clusters of from five to six on long stalks above the foliage; they increase rapidly, a large pot of plants being scarcely out of bloom Winter or Summer. Good bulbs, 25 cents.

Providence, R. I., October 18th, 1895.  
Geo. H. Mellen Co., Springfield, O.

Gents: Plants and bulbs safely received and in good order and very satisfactory. Many thanks for extras.

Yours truly,

MRS. L.

IT IS OUR DETERMINATION TO PLEASE ALL WHO DEAL WITH US.





Little Gem Feverfew.

**FEVERFEW—LITTLE GEM.**

This sort is valued very highly, surpassing the old sort in every way. It is very dwarf, attaining a height of twelve inches. The flowers are large, of perfect form and of the purest white. Splendid for cutting. Price, 10 cts.

**GENISTA CANARIENSIS.**

Fountain of Gold.

This beautiful plant well deserves the great popularity it has gained in the past two years. The drooping branches are covered with delicate sage green foliage, and every twig tipped with a long raceme of exquisite peashaped blossoms of a pure canary color, almost hiding the foliage, and suggesting the name, "Fountain of Gold." Price, 20 cents each.

**IMPATIENS SULTANI.**

This is the most distinct and beautiful of all flowering plants of recent introduction, either as a winter-blooming pot-plant or for the border in Summer. It is of a compact, neat habit of growth, with good constitution, and a perpetual bloomer. The flowers are of a brilliant, rosy scarlet color, of a peculiarly distinct but most effective hue, about one and a half inches in diameter, and are produced singly or in twos and threes from the axils of the leaves, especially toward the summit of the stems, but so freely that a well grown specimen appears to be quite a ball of fire. We commend this highly. Price, 15 cents each.

**GERMAN, OR PARLOR IVY.**

A rapid growing and succulent plant, well adapted for covering trellis work quickly or training in the parlor. Leaves glossy green and flowers yellow, in clusters. Price, 8 cents each.

**MADEIRA VINE.**

The glossy, waxen leaves of this dainty vine from the Andes make it, perhaps, the most liked of all indoor climbers. The leaves are light green above and rosy chocolate underneath; flowers white and deliciously fragrant. Grows well in garden or pot, hanging baskets or vases; in Fall take up roots (if in garden) and keep warm and dry over Winter. Give tubers same care as Dahlias. Price, 10 cents each.

**IPOMŒA PALMATA.**

Mexican Moonflower.

This is a tuberous-rooted vine, with large palmate foliage and perennial root, that increases in size from year to year. The vine climbs to a height of fifteen to twenty feet, and produces freely large clusters of rosy-pink flowers three and a half inches in diameter. Plants bloom from June until frost. The roots require protection in Winter like Dahlias. We usually keep them under the benches in the greenhouse. Price, 15 cents each.

**MOON FLOWERS.**

*Ipomœa Grandiflora*—(The true Moonflower)—This plant has become very popular, and is certainly a wonderful annual climber. It grows rapidly and blooms profusely. Flowers five inches in diameter and quite fragrant. A very rapid Summer climber, blooming the first season. No insects attack the leaf, and even if it did not bloom it would be very desirable, because of its foliage; but when is added to this the wonderful effect of the flowers which are grown in great profusion, it cannot fail to please. The flowers are immense, pure white, sweet-scented, five inches in diameter, borne very profusely, and, as they open at night, are very striking. Being a free bloomer, the effect on a moonlight night is very charming. It is a charming plant for verandas. Try it. Price, 10 cents each.

The Blue Moonflower, *Ipomœa Learii*—From Ceylon. A handsome, quick growing perennial climber. Often flowers in bunches of a half dozen; the individual flowers are trumpet shaped, about four inches across, of a rich violet blue, with five purple rays. Grows about twenty-five feet in one season, and is a most attractive climber. Price, 10 cents each.

*Ipomœa Mortonii*—A rapid growing perennial, with all the colors combined—to describe this we must go to the evening sky itself, or to the sea, to find anything to equal the tints of this *Ipomœa*. Truly a grand variety. Price, 10 cents each.



*Ipomœa Pandurata*, or Hardy Moonflower—This Moonflower is a hardy perennial tuberous-rooted twiner which is perfectly hardy, living in the ground from year to year increasing in size and strength all the time. The roots do not spread and sprout to become troublesome like some plants, and they penetrate the earth so deep that the vine is not affected by the drought or other unfavorable conditions. The beautiful dark green foliage is so dense as to form a perfect screen, covering the vine completely from base to summit. The flowers are usually four inches in diameter, occasionally five and sometimes six inches. They are pure satiny white with purple throat and produced in the greatest profusion; open day and night from June until October. A strong plant will give more than 100 beautiful flowers daily for months at a time, being well distributed over the plant, forming a grand display. Tubers, 25 cents each.

Order your plants now; we will send them whenever desired.





**Linum Trigynum**—A winter blooming plant of great beauty, producing in the greatest profusion very large and showy blossoms of a bright yellow color. The plant is a complete mass of bloom for a long time during Winter, and is one of the most beautiful Winter bloomers it is possible to have. The flowers are about the size of a Morning Glory, and no matter how small the plant is, it will bloom profusely. Price, 10 cents each.

**Linum Flavum**—A plant of extremely neat habit, growing about one foot in height, with flowers of pure yellow, nearly two inches in diameter, almost covering the plant when in full bloom. Price, 10 cents each.

### PARIS DAISY—MARGUERITE.

**White**—A ray of white petals around a yellow disc; blooms Winter and Summer. Fine for bedding or pot culture. Flower like a field daisy in size and appearance. A good Winter bloomer. Price, 8 cents each.

**Soleil D'Or**—Rather dwarf plant, with bright golden yellow flowers, disc and center being the same shade. These two varieties make a beautiful contrast. Price, 8 cents each.

### POTHOS AUREA.

A beautiful stove climber, with large dark green leaves irregularly variegated by bands of fantastic-shaped blotches of creamy yellow. Price, 20 cents each.



\* Single Chinese Primrose.



### MANETTIA VINE—MANETTIA BICOLOR.

A beautiful twining plant, producing very showy tubular flowers from one to two inches in length, and in such great abundance that the plants are literally covered with them the entire season. The flowers are of the most intense fiery scarlet, with bright yellow tip; they are also covered with a moss or hairy substance that adds much to their beauty. As a pot plant to train on a trellis, it is unrivaled; grown in this manner it will bloom without ceasing for several years, if well cared for. In the open ground it succeeds admirably, growing from eight to ten feet in height, and showing at all times innumerable blossoms. It is a plant of rare beauty. Price, 10 cents each.

### PERISTROPHE AUGUSTIFOLIA AUREA.

A beautiful plant bearing showy purple flowers, well adapted for baskets or warden cases. The foliage is handsomely marked with golden yellow. Price, 10 cents each.

## Chinese Primroses.

Few plants give better satisfaction than the Primrose, especially for Winter blooming, for which it is particularly adapted. It should be kept in a cool place. A north room is best. They may be bedded out in a cool shady place. There is no plant that will produce more flowers during Winter months than the Primrose. Our Primroses are large flowered and beautifully fringed, and we are confident will please you. Price, 10 cents each; three varieties for 25 cents; the set of five varieties for 35 cents.

**Alba Magnifica**—This new white Primula is of magnificent form and substance, and a great improvement on the old varieties.

**Coccinea**—Bright red, large flowers, beautifully fringed.

**Kirmesina Splendens**—Bright carmine pink, with distinct yellow eye.

**Striata**—Beautiful flowers striped red and white.

**Snow Queen**—This is a pure white variety, the flowers so overlapping that it well nigh resembles a gigantic double.

### HARDY PRIMROSES.

#### Double White and Yellow.

These hardy Primroses flower equal to the Chinese varieties, and are perfectly hardy, producing a great quantity of double white or yellow very fragrant flowers. They require a moist, rather shaded situation, and can be left for years without being disturbed. It would be well in northern latitudes to give them a slight covering of leaves. Price, 25 cents each; the two varieties for 40 cents.

We guarantee that every package sent out shall reach its destination in good condition.





Mexican Primrose.

## THE BEAUTIFUL MEXICAN PRIMROSE.

A charming basket or pot plant, just brought to notice by extensive advertising. It is certainly a very worthy plant, and indispensable to every collection. Flowers of a beautiful bright clear pink color, veined with scarlet, and with a bright center. The superb color, combined with airy grace and beautiful form, goes to make a flower which is in beauty perfection itself. The plant seldom grows over ten inches in height, but inclines to a trailing habit, spreading its branches out over the ground, or drooping over the sides of the pot. We offer nice plants at 8 cents each; 4 for 25 cents; 10 for 50 cents.

## PLUMBAGO.

The Plumbagoes are always satisfactory plants, either for pot culture or for the garden. They are constant bloomers, and their delicate and graceful flowers are very useful for cutting.

**Capensis**—A well-known favorite, and always valuable because it produces large trusses of beautiful light blue flowers. Price, 10 cents each.

**Capensis Alba**—The counterpart of Plumbago Capensis, excepting in color, which is creamy white. A constant bloomer. A splendid new sort. Price, 10 cents each.

**Coccinea Rosea Superba**—Flowers in long racemes from twelve to fifteen inches in length; the color is bright, satiny carmine; a grand house plant, and worthy extended culture. Price, 15 cents each.

**The Hardy Plumbago, Lady Larpent**—This beautiful variety of Plumbago (*P. Larpentæ*) is unquestionably the most distinct and valuable hardy herbaceous plant now in cultivation. The plants are strong, upright in habit, growing to a height of twelve to fifteen inches in compact clumps, and from the middle of July until severe frost are covered with lovely, rich, violet-blue colored flowers, borne in close terminal heads. The foliage is unique, finely serrated and fringing the stems. We heartily recommend this fine variety for edging walks, beds or borders, or single specimens set in mixed flower vases or beds, where they appear in lovely contrast with other flowers. Price, 10 cents each.

## Russelia Juncea.

A rare and unknown plant, suitable either for garden or pot culture, and requiring the same treatment as a Geranium. In growth it produces numerous long, wiry stems which are virtually leafless. Upon these stems and branches the flowers are borne. They are about the size of a Manettia, long, trumpet-shaped, and brilliant scarlet in color. These lovely blossoms are borne in wonderful profusion during most of the year. It is one of the easiest of all plants to grow, and is particularly valuable for baskets. Price, 15 cents each; two for 25 cents.

Portland, Ore., August 12, 1895.

The Geo. H. Mellen Co., Springfield, Ohio.

Gents:—This is to acknowledge by today's mail the safe arrival of plants recently ordered by me, and to say that I am pleased would be putting it too abruptly. I have had a great many plants reach me, but I must honestly confess that those from your house are far superior to any received. May you ever be prosperous.

Yours,

T. F. N.

## New Double Petunias.

The Double Petunia is one of the finest bedding plants for massing, mixed borders, or for vases. The brilliancy and variety of its colors, combined with the duration of its blooming period, render it invaluable for garden decoration. Our collection is unsurpassed for brilliancy of color and size of blooms. They include all the brightest shades of pink, purple, rose, white, etc. We have discarded the plain edged sorts, as the fringed and laced varieties listed below are very much better. Price, 15 cents each.

This set of six New Petunias for 75 cents.

**Ada**—Purplish crimson edged with pure white.

**Beauty**—Most beautiful silvery rose; a distinct variety.

**Gem**—A large flower, beautifully variegated, carmine rose and white.

**Talisman**—Pure white, lightly flaked with purplish crimson; an unusually deep fringed variety.

**Enchantment**—A fine, self-colored, rich, deep purplish crimson.

**Stella**—Peculiar shade of pale lilac, edged with white and rich purple veins.

## Passiflora==Passion Flower.

Climbing plants for greenhouse and window. The name was applied from the resemblance afforded by the parts of the plant to the instruments of our Lord's Passion and its attendant circumstances; thus, the three nails, two for the hands and one for the feet, are represented by the stamens; the fine anthers indicate wounds; the rays of glory, or, as some say, the crown of thorns, are represented by the rays of the "corona," the ten parts of the perianth represent the Apostles, two of them absent (Peter who denied and Judas who betrayed our Lord), and the wicked hands of His persecutors are seen in the digitate leaves of the plant, and the scourges in the tendrils.

**Smithii**—Has pinkish red flowers. Price, 10 cents each.

**Pfordti**—A beautiful sort, blue flowers. Price, 10 cts. each.

**New Hardy Passion Flower "Constance Elliott"**—This beautiful variety has flowers very large and pure ivory white. Excellent for cemetery purposes. Price, strong plants, 15 cents each.

## Rhynchospermum Jasminoides.

A beautiful greenhouse plant, with glossy, evergreen foliage, producing masses of pure white, jasmine-like flowers, of delightful fragrance. In bloom about May and June. Of climbing habit and presents a beautiful appearance when properly trained. Flowers are desirable for bouquets. Price, 15 cents each.

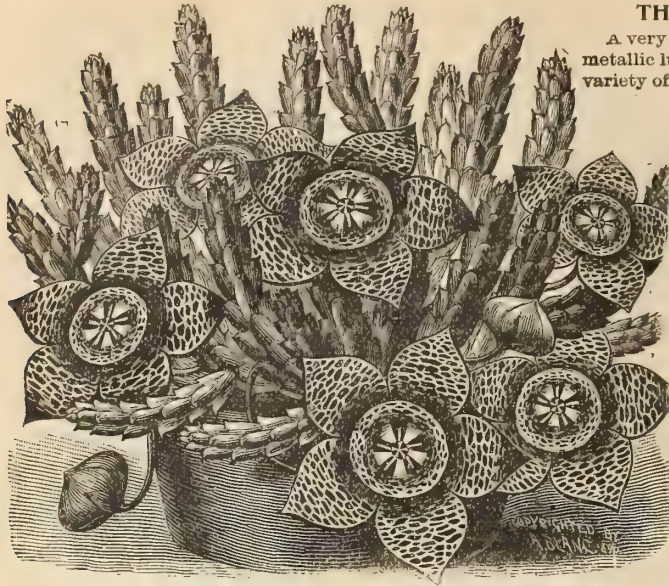


## Pansies.

This lovely flower, a favorite with everybody, is too well known to need any description. The plants we offer are from seed of selected flowers of The Giant Trimardeau and other best Imperial German strains in the following named colors: Brilliant fine red. Margined, striped, golden, purple, black, white, violet and gold. Price, 5 cents each; 40 cents per dozen; 3 dozen for \$1.00.

*If a package is lost, or contents injured on the way, we will replace.*



**Stapelia Serpentina.****Stapelia Serpentina.**

A curious succulent branching plant, without leaves, resembling a Cactus, producing singular and beautiful flowers, star-shaped, nearly two inches across; dark brown, spotted with yellow. See illustration. Price, 15 cents each; two for 25 cents.

**Solanum****Jasminoides****Grandiflorum.**

A beautiful plant of climbing habit, attaining a height of three to five feet, but can be grown in bush form. Its flowers are star-shaped, and borne in clusters, large pure white, with a violet tinge on back of petals and on the buds. In pots it is a continuous bloomer both Summer and Winter; but its greatest value is for out-door culture, trained against a wall or trellis. Price, 10 cents each.

**Solanum Jasminoides Grandiflorum.****THE NEW PEPEROMIA METALLICA.**

A very beautiful novelty with very small leaves of high metallic lustre and very dense in growth. A very lovely variety of this beautiful species. Price, 25 cents each.

**Silver Striped Peperomia.**

Window plants will ever be popular. So thick and waxy like are the leaves of this parlor gem that nearly everyone takes it to be an artificial plant. The leaves are distinctly variegated, white and green, and have the appearance of being powdered with frosted silver. Few plants could be more useful for table decoration, and none will stand ill-usage so readily. Its small spikes of Mignonette-like flowers are quite interesting. Price, 10 cents each.

**Sanchezia Nobilis.**

A lovely stove plant from Ecuador, with leaves of a sea-green color, striped with white. The form and habit of the plant are particularly attractive. Price, 20 cents each.

**Sanseveria Zealanica.**

This beautiful house plant is well adapted for the decoration of sitting rooms halls, etc., as it stands dust and neglect of watering with impunity. The leaves grow to a length of three to four feet, and are beautifully striped cross-wise with broad, white variegations on a dark-green ground. It is a rare and beautiful plant, which should be abundantly grown for positions out of the reach of sunlight, where other plants will not thrive. When you consider that it can be placed in any position in any room, and do well, its great usefulness is at once apparent. It has a singular beauty for decorative purposes which other plants do not possess, and is useful both Winter and Summer. The beauty of its leaves and the handsome spike of flowers it produces make it one of the most desirable plants known. Price, 20 cents each.

Geo. H. Mellen Co.

San Francisco, Oct. 11, '95.

Dear Sir:—The plants came in good order. Thank you for the extras.

Yours sincerely,

I. M. D.

**Pilea—Artillery Plant.****Pilea—Artillery Plant.**

Muscoca—Artillery Plant, graceful, fern-like foliage and immense numbers of very small flowers, which produce a snapping sound when sprinkled. Price, 10 cents each.

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# SOLANUM SEAFORTHIANUM.

## The Blue Solanum.

Certainly one of the finest plants lately introduced. Every one is acquainted with *Solanum Jasminoides*, and its merits are greatly appreciated. In the Blue Solanum we have a far superior plant in every respect. It is of robust growth, soon making fine specimens that will climb over and cover a porch with most handsomely cut foliage. In mild localities it is covered during the Summer months with hundreds of clusters of large, lavender blue, Wisteria-like flowers, brightly set off with golden stamens, each cluster measuring 15 inches in circumference, and often attaining a length of 12 inches. The flowers which often appear on the plants when only a few inches high are succeeded by scarlet berries, remaining perfect for a long time. Price, 25 cents each.



*Saxafraga Sarmentosa.*

## SICUTTELARIA PULCHELLA.

A neat house plant of easy culture. It makes a desirable Winter blooming plant, at which time it produces dazzling red flowers profusely in terminal spikes. Price, 10 cents each.

## SAXAFRAGA SARMENTOSA, or Beefsteak Plant.

A handsome plant of low habit, leaves nearly round and striped freely with silvery bands. Blooms white, of great beauty, and borne in spikes nearly twelve inches high. Adapted for hanging baskets, vases, etc. This is also known as Strawberry Geranium. Price, 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.

## SMILAX.

This very great climber is a great addition to our basket plants, possessing the rare qualities of delicate and tolerably dense foliage, and vining habit, admirably adapting it to clinging or drooping, as may be required. For using for a green with cut flowers it has no equal, its hard texture enabling it to keep for several days without wilting after being cut. It is also fine as a parlor or window plant. Price, 10 cents each; three for 25 cents.

## STEVIA SERRATA.

Most excellent for bouquets. Produces one mass of tiny star-shaped pure white flowers. The plants grow about 18 inches high, stem branching freely and almost completely covered with the corymbs of flowers. Very pretty in beds, and almost unequalled for cutting and florists' work. Price, 8 cents each.

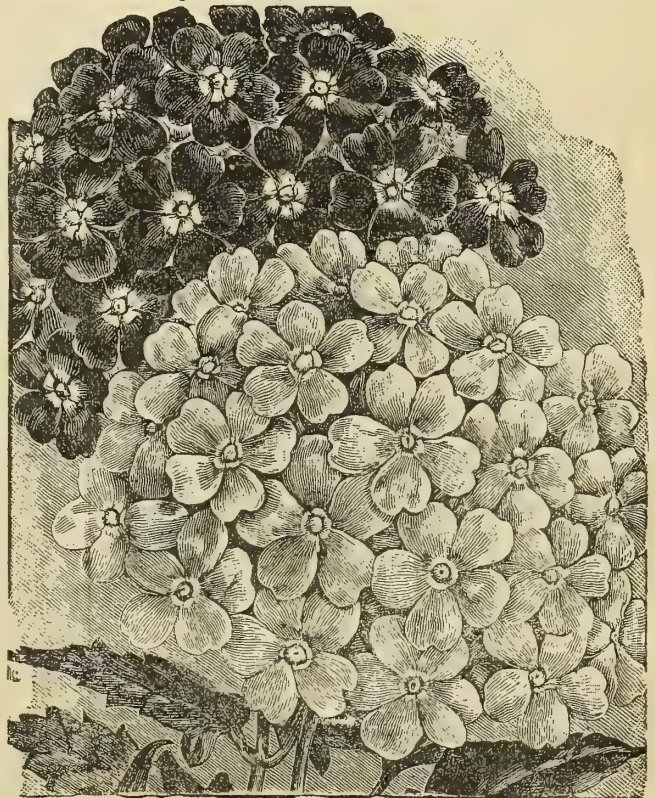
## STREPTOSOLEN JAMESONI.

This variety resembles in its growth the *Browallia*, the leaves being rich, dark green, alternate. Of a compact, bushy growth, flowering very profusely in numerous trusses. The flowers are lobed, nearly one inch in diameter, opening bright orange and passing to a rich, deep cinnabar-red. It commences to flower early in March, continuing quite full all through June and July. Price, 8 cents each.

## Mammoth Verbenas.

The Verbena is one of the prettiest and most popular of all the flowering plants suitable for forming beds on the lawn. It commences to flower and spread from the first day the plants are set until late in the Autumn, every day becoming better and more handsome. Our plants are grown with care, and are very robust. New varieties are being constantly introduced and old ones discarded, so that it is difficult, and we might say useless, to offer a long list of named varieties. We offer these Mammoth Verbenas in pure white, pure scarlet, striped and blue. Price, 6 cents each; five for 25 cents.

**SPECIAL OFFER.** For \$1.00 we will send 25 Choice Mammoth Verbenas.



Mammoth Verbenas.

## New Golden Lemon Thyme.

This handsome and wonderful Thyme is perfectly hardy, spreading itself and growing as rapidly as the old variety of Thyme. The leaves are curiously edged and variegated with golden yellow, increasing in brilliancy of color as the Autumn approaches, giving it the appearance of a bed of gold. Its usefulness as an edging or border plant has no superior, and if properly pruned during the Summer season will produce a most charming effect in the Fall months. Price, 8 cents each; 4 for 25 cents.

## Thunbergia Fragens.

One of the most beautiful climbers, producing, for at least six months in the year, large trusses of pure white fragrant flowers. An old plant, worthy of special attention. Price, 25 cents each.

## DOUBLE TROPAEOLUM,

## DARKNESS.

The flowers of this new dwarf variety are very double, and are most abundantly produced. The color is a deep mahogany red, lighted up with shades of brownish crimson. The center is usually a deep maroon black, and serves to intensify the rich coloring in the body of the flower. Price, 10 cents each.

## Tecoma Jasminoides.

In style of growth this somewhat resembles some of the *Jasminums*, though belonging to an entirely different family. Its flowers are tubular-shaped, white with a beautiful pink throat. It is naturally a climber, but can be grown in bush form by keeping it well cut back; does well in the sitting room or greenhouse, or bedded out in Summer. Price, 15 cts.

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## VIOLETS.

OF ALL delightful perfumes that of the Sweet Violet is the most delicate and pleasing. If grown in the house for winter flowers, they should be kept at a low temperature, as they will not bloom freely where it is too warm. If left in the open ground during the winter, protect with a covering of leaves.



Double White Perpetual Flowering Violet, Swanley White.

### MARIE LOUISE.

Very fine double flowers, purple white center. Price, 10 cents each.

### VIOLET, SWANLEY WHITE.

This fine Violet is undoubtedly the best white variety known; it is equally desirable for house or garden culture. Virgorous and healthy, bearing in great profusion large, pure snowy white, perfectly double flowers, exquisitely fragrant. Price, 15 cents each.

### NEW VIOLET, LADY HUME CAMPBELL.

A new forcing variety, under good conditions the equal of Marie Louise in color and size of bloom. *Its excellent merit is its strong, healthy constitution.* Growers have found this variety apparently entirely free from the diseases which destroy other varieties. Price, 15 cents each.



### WATER HYACINTH.

Unique and of great beauty; requires but limited space; easily grown; floats on the water by means of curious inflated leaves, a mass of feathery blue roots growing downward into the water. The flowers as large as a silver dollar, are borne on spikes 6 to 8 inches long, resembling hyacinths, and are as handsome as an orchid; of a beautiful, sparkling, rosy lilac color. It can be grown in the summer in the water-lily tub or pond. In the winter it is beautiful and effective when grown in a glass vessel of some sort. Price, 15c. 4 for 50c.

## ABRIDGED LIST OF WELL KNOWN PLANTS.

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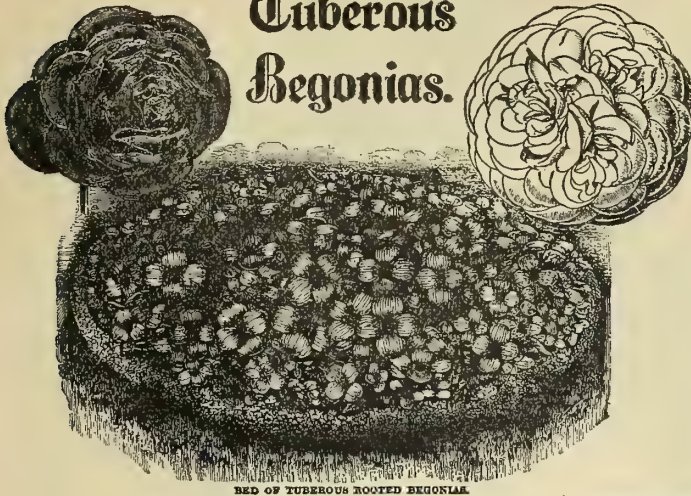
- Abelia Repestris**—A neat little shrub with white flowers in clusters; fragrant. Price, 10 cents each.
- Achania Malvaviscus**—Bright scarlet flowers in profusion. Price, 10 cents each.
- Achyranthus**—Foliage plant, useful in bedding with Coleus, six varieties. Price, 5 cents each.
- Ageratum**—Blue and white. Price, 5 cents each.
- Alternantheras**—Dwarf foliage plant, useful for edging; 4 best kinds. Price, 40 cents per dozen; 5 cents each.
- Aloysia Citriodora**—Well known lemon Verbena. Price, 8c.
- Alyssum**—Double white. Price, 8 cents each.
- Balm**—Sweet scented. Price, 5 cents each.
- Bryophyllum or Sprouting Leaf**—Bears large trusses of pretty flowers. Price, 8 cents each.
- Cereus Grandiflora**—Night blooming Cactus. Price, 15c.
- Coccoloba Platyclada**—Fine for vases and baskets. Price, 8c.
- Coronilla**—Bright yellow flowers. Price, 10 cents each.
- Crassula**—Fleshy stems and leaves; pink white flowers. Price, 10 cents each.
- Eranthemums**—Beautiful foliage plants, 4 varieties. Price, 8 cents each.
- Ficus Repens**—Fine creeper for house or conservatory. Price, 8 cents each.
- Glechoma**—Variegated ground Ivy. Price, 8 cents each.
- Goldfussia**—Pale lilac, funnel shaped flowers. Price, 5cts.
- Habrothamus**—Bright carmine flowers in clusters. 8 cents.
- Hetroncentron**—Summer bedder, pure white flowers. Price, 8 cents each.
- Justicia Sanguinea**—Light red flowers. Price, 10cts. each.
- Justicia Hydrangoides**—Large flowers, lilac and white. 10c.
- Justicia Carneae**—Fine plume-like pink flowers. Price, 10c.
- Lynaria**—Kenilworth Ivy. Price, 5 cents each.
- Libonia Perhoniensis**—Scarlet, yellow-tipped flowers. 8c.
- Leonotus Leonuris**—The Lions Tail. Price, 8 cents each.
- Lopesia**—Mosquito plant. Price, 8 cents each.
- Mahernia**—Sweet Honey-bell. Price, 8 cents each.
- Pittosporum Tobira**—An evergreen winter blooming shrub bearing small white flowers of exquisite fragrance. 10cts.
- Ruellia Formosum**—Winter bloomer, scarlet flowers. 8cts.
- Rivinia Humilis**—Small white flowers, scarlet berries. 8c.
- Tradescantia**—Wandering Jew, two varieties. Price, 5cts.

WE HOPE YOU DID NOT FAIL TO NOTICE OUR LIBERAL 50c. AND \$1. COLLECTIONS ON PAGE 3.



# SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS.

## Tuberous Begonias.



RED OF TUBEROUS ROOTED BEGONIA.

### Caladium Esculentum.

#### ELEPHANT EAR.

One of the most beautiful and striking ornamental foliaged plants in cultivation, either for culture in large pots or tubs, or for planting out on the lawn. Will grow in any garden soil and is of the easiest culture. When of full size it stands about five feet high, with immense leaves, often measuring four feet in length by two and one-half in breadth; smooth, of bright green color, beautifully veined and variegated with dark green. The roots should be preserved in dry sand in the cellar during Winter, out of danger from frost. Good bulbs, 15 cents; extra large bulbs, 40c.

### THREE GEMS OF THE FIRST WATER.

The three Summer flowering bulbs named below are similar in habit, and their culture is of the easiest. It is only necessary to plant them in good, ordinary garden soil.

**Gem No. 1—Milla Biflora (Floating Star)**—The flowers are in pairs, of a pure, waxy white, nearly two and one-half inches in diameter; petals thick, leathery and of great substance. Will keep for days when cut and placed in water. Foliage slender, like the rush-leaved narcissus. Price, 10 cts.

**Gem No. 2—Bessera Elegans**—Will bloom shortly after being planted in the open ground and will keep on blooming until frost. The flower stems are from one to two feet high, supporting a dozen or more bell-shaped flowers of a bright coral-scarlet, with white cup and dark blue anthers. 10 cents.

**Gem No. 3—Cyclobothra Flava**—Graceful habit of growth, producing many clusters of drooping, cup-shaped flowers; golden yellow, with fine, black dots in the petals. 10 cents.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—For \$1.00 we will send, free by mail, four bulbs each of the above gems. No further discount on this offer.

### Amaryllis Johnsonii.

This is unquestionably one of the most valuable and beautiful of all flowering bulbs. It is one of the easiest culture. A strong, robust grower and certain to bloom. Flowers bright wine-red with broad white band down the center of each petal. Nothing is more showy than this grand plant during the late Winter or early Spring. Price, good strong blooming bulbs, 50 cents each.

### Amaryllis Formosissima.

(Jacobean Lily.)

This grand bulb will flower either Summer or Winter. Keep dry during Summer for Winter blooming, and reverse the order for Summer bedding. The flowers are of the darkest scarlet, very rich and pure, and produced freely. Splendid for pot culture, can be grown in water like Hyacinths. They succeed well planted in the open border in May, producing their brilliant flowers quite freely during June. 20 cents.

### Tuberous Rooted Begonias.

These are among the most handsome of our Summer blooming plants, flowering throughout the season, and as fine and varied in their colors as the Geranium family. They are splendid bedders, delighting in a light soil of woods earth, very old cow manure, and sharp sand. See that the bed is in partial shade, and you will be delighted with the results. They must have plenty of light and air. Do not allow them to become dry, and during the hot weather they will take two waterings a day. When through flowering they can be dried off, shaken free of earth, and wrapped in cotton until February or March, when they may be started again.

**SINGLE**—White, Yellow, Crimson, Rose, Scarlet. Price, 20 cents each; three for 50 cents.

**DOUBLE**—In same colors, 40 cents each; three for \$1.00.

### DAHLIAS.

The Dahlia has been for a number of years a general favorite, and still holds its own, both here and in Europe. We may safely say that perfection has been attained with this splendid flower. Its form cannot be improved, and its colors are beautiful, even magnificent. The Dahlia succeeds best in a strong, loamy soil, and if the soil around the plant is mulched with coarse manure it will assist them very much during the heat of the Summer. Plants should be set about four feet apart. When sent out, we shall send strong plants, well sorted, ready to put out in open ground for rapid growth and early bloom. Price, 15 cents each; 12 distinct new sorts, \$1.50.

### Tigridia, or Shell Flower.

The Tigridia is a Summer flowering bulb, and should be planted in the open ground in May. It commences blooming early in July and produces an abundance of gorgeous flowers till October. Late in Autumn the bulbs should be lifted, dried and stored in the cellar like gladioli. It is one of the easiest plants in the world to cultivate, and always sure to bloom abundantly in any situation.

**Grandiflora Alba**—Its flowers are large, of a pearly white color, marked at the base of each division with large spots of reddish brown or chestnut color. Price, 10 cents each.

**Conchiflora**—Fine yellow, spotted with crimson. 10c. each.

**Grandiflora**—Very large, bright crimson, center variegated with yellow. Price, 10 cents each.







## Gladioli, NEW SUPERB SEEDLINGS.

These seedlings have all been lately grown from the choicest seed carefully saved from the most beautiful French Hybrids, and embraces a wide range of colors. They are in every way equal to the choicest named varieties, which cost many times as much, and they are vastly superior to the mixed Gladioli generally sold. Our seedling Gladioli can be relied upon to bloom freely. We recommend a free and liberal planting of these; they are so cheap and so good that we know the bulbs will give a magnificent return, while the spikes of bloom are always in demand as cut flowers. We offer them in salmon, pink, crimson, yellow, white, lemon, rose, maroon, scarlet and cherry. Price, 5 cents each.

**Snow White**—(See Cut)—The only absolutely pure white Gladiolus known. Flowers very large, spike of enormous size and perfect shape. Price, 10 cents each.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—For 75 cents we will send, free by mail, 20 good large bulbs, guaranteed to flower, including one Snow White. No further discount.

## OXALIS.

Beautiful for edging walks in the garden. Plant them three inches apart, and they will make a solid mass of foliage and flowers. They are easily grown thus or in pots.

**Lasiandria**—Beautifully cut foliage and rosy-pink flowers.

**Diepli**—Beautiful clover-like foliage and pure white flowers.

**Rosea**—Old rose or salmon.

**Purpurea**—Purple.

Any of these kinds, 10 cents per dozen; 3 dozen for 25 cents.

## Montbretia.

CROCOSMÆFLORA.

For this bright and cheery flower we are indebted to the skill of the hybridizer, as it is the result of a cross between two different species of plants. The bulbs are quite small, and from July until October they throw up one spike after another of graceful Gladiolus-like flowers, of a glowing orange scarlet color. A perfect little beauty. They should be in every garden. 5 cents each; 3 for 10 cents.

## TUBEROSES.

The Tuberose is noted for its delicate beauty and exquisite fragrance, rivaling orange blossoms in sweetness. The flowers are pure white, very double and wax-like, and are borne on stems two or three feet high. Tuberoses will not bear much cold. Do not plant in the Spring till the ground is warm. They may be started in the house in a warm place, but care should be taken that they get no check in setting out. Plant three or four inches deep in rich ground. If danger of frost before flowers are done in the Fall, lift carefully without disturbing the roots, and plant in pots or boxes, and remove to a warm light place, and they will continue to bloom for a long time.

**Dwarf Pearl**—A splendid new variety, the finest ever introduced; greatly superior to the Common Pearl; grows about 18 inches high, blooms very early, matures perfectly; flowers pure white, large size, very double and intensely sweet. We send splendid, large, well-ripened bulbs, the finest ever grown, all sure to bloom. Price, 8 cents; 4 for 25 cents.; 25 by express for \$1.

## HYACINTHUS CANDICANS.

A stately bulbous plant, with large, Yucca-like leaves, growing as high as four feet. The flowers are pure white, pendent on the long, whip-like stalks, strong bulbs giving two or more spikes; the number of flowers vary from twenty to sixty on each. The appearance is more like Giant Snowdrops than Hyacinths, and as a plant for distinct effect it vies with Yucca Filamentosa. With us the plant is perfectly hardy and grows stronger each year. Is suitable for cemetery decoration, centers of beds or grouping wherever it can have room to display its distinct and expressive character. Extra large bulbs, measuring from 8 to 10 inches in circumference, 25 cents each; small size, 10 cents each.

## NEW PINK JAPANESE SPIDER LILY.

The White Spider Lily pleased everybody so well after we brought it to their notice that this bright colored variety can not fail to create a great sensation and become immensely popular. A clump of bulbs produces a large number of spikes of the most delicate flowers, varying their colors from a pinkish salmon to pink, while many sorts produce flowers of a bright vermillion and a deep scarlet. The petals are beautifully undulated, and by an artificial light they sparkle like jewels. The bulbs are not as large as the white variety. Price, 20 cents each.



Japanese Spider Lily.

## THE WHITE JAPANESE SPIDER LILY.

This magnificent Spider Lily produces immense umbels. The flowers are fragile appearing and deliciously scented. The florets are disposed in rays, and resemble an immense spider; hence its name. In the center of each flower is a beautiful crown or saucer, resembling tissue paper. Price, for fine, large bulbs that will flower freely, 20 cents each; the White and Pink Spider Lilies for 35 cents.

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# HARDY LILIES.



*Lilium Auratum.*

## LILIAM AURATUM, The Golden Rayed Lily.

This grand summer flowering sort is now considered the Queen of Lilies. It produces its handsome richly-colored flowers in large clusters, as shown in the engraving, and blooms profusely from June to October. When expanded, the flowers measure from eight to ten inches in diameter, and are composed of six pure white petals, each of which is distinctively striped the whole length with a clear yellow golden band and thickly studded with rich crimson spots. Gracefully formed, deliciously fragrant. Large, sound bulbs, imported direct from Japan. Price, 20 cents each; 6 for \$1.00.

## LILY SPECIOSUM RUBRUM.

This is one of the most popular and satisfactory of all Lilies, and is considered by many as the finest of all Lilies. The flowers are bright crimson and white spotted. Splendid large flowers borne in clusters, stem two to three feet. Price, 20 cents each; 6 for \$1.00.

## TIGRINUM. fl. pl. (Double Tiger Lily.)

This magnificent Lily is borne in immense clusters on tall stems; the flowers are very large, frequently six inches across, and very double; color, deep fiery red, spotted with black; any illustration gives but a faint idea of the showiness of this superb Lily. Price, 15 cents each; 4 for 50 cents.

## Lily of the Valley.

The Lily of the Valley is one of those delicate, sweet little flowers that not only easily win our love, but keep it forever. Put four or five or half a dozen of the pips, or bulbs, in a pot, and in about four weeks they will bloom. They will flower in damp moss, and can be handled in almost any way desired. In the Spring transfer them to the garden. Fine pips, 3 cents each; 12 for 30 cents.

## HARDY PERENNIAL PLANTS.

### New Double White Anemone, WHIRLWIND.

A beautiful semi-double form of the Autumn-blooming White Anemone, strong growth and healthy foliage, and free bloomer. The flowers are  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 inches across, with several rows of large white petals; very durable, lasting much longer than those of the single variety. The plant is perfectly hardy, having stood the past five winters in the vicinity of Rochester, N. Y., without the slightest protection. One of the finest hardy plants for cemetery planting, and excellent for cut flowers. Price, 20 cents each; 3 for 50 cents.

**Anemone, Japonica Alba**—One of the most showy of all our Autumn-blooming herbaceous plants. They commence to bloom in August and continue to increase in beauty until the end of Autumn. They thrive best in light, rich, somewhat moist soil and should not be transplanted more than is necessary to divide them when they become too thick. A covering of leaves, straw, or long manure is sufficient for our most severe Winters. Price, 15 cents each; two for 25 cents.

**Anemone, Japonica Rubra**—Same as the Alba, except that the flowers are deep rose; yellow center and dark eye. Price, 15 cents each; two for 25 cents.



**NEW ACHILLEA, THE PEARL.**

We take much pleasure in calling special attention to this new plant, as it is one of the most beautiful and useful. It is a hardy perennial, the top dying down to the ground every Winter. A plant will produce hundreds and even thousands of flowers the first Summer, but when established the second year frequently have more than five hundred flowers on a plant at the same time. It commences to bloom early in July, is a perfect mass of beautiful flowers till frost, the same bloom keeping perfect two or three months. Its flowers are pure white, perfectly double, and produced in large sprays, making it one of the finest cut flowers for bouquets, vases, baskets, etc., or for any kind of decorations. For cemetery planting it is the most valuable of all flowers, as it is sure to thrive and bear its great profusion of snow-white flowers nearly the whole Summer. Price, 15 cents each; two for 25 cents.

**New Rose-Colored Achillea, Millefolium Rubrum**—This beautiful new Achillea has large fronds or leaves of the most fern-like appearance, that for foliage alone would be worthy of a place in any garden. But then it produces large clusters of flowers, a deep lake rose color, making it wonderfully attractive when planted among shrubbery or rose beds, giving all a graceful effect. Price, 10 cents each.

**New Yellow Achillea, Tomentosa**—A charming hardy plant for border of beds or edgings for walks. Soft, mossy green foliage with pretty yellow flower heads that remain a long time in perfect color. It makes an excellent Spring flower for cutting. No garden is complete without this fine yellow hardy plant. Price, 10 cents each.

**THESE THREE NEW ACHILLEAS FOR 25c.**



## (HARDY PERENNIAL PLANTS—Continued.)

**Helianthus, Multiflora Plena.**

Although this grand plant belongs to the Helianthus family, it does not resemble the Sunflower, but looks more like a Dahila. The plant grows from four to five feet high, branches freely, and from July to October is covered from top to bottom with bright, golden-yellow flowers, the size and shape of double Dahlias. It will thrive in almost any soil, and is hardy if covered with leaves or straw. Wherever grown this Helianthus has invariably given satisfaction and pleasure. We can recommend it for planting singly or in clumps, for the lawn and garden, and for furnishing a supply of beautiful, golden cut flowers, that can be used for vases or wearing, and will not fade in a few hours, as so many flowers are apt to do at this season of the year. Price, 10 cents each.

**New Hardy Hibiscus.**

**Crimson Eye**—A remarkable showy and handsome hardy plant. It is a robust grower with dark red stems and foliage. The flowers are immense in size, often measuring twenty inches in circumference. The color is of the purest white with a large spot of deep velvety crimson in the center of each flower. It is a striking combination of color and one that must be seen to be fully appreciated. A well developed plant will produce several hundred of these flowers in a season. It will succeed anywhere and is perfectly hardy. Price, 15 cents each; 4 for 50 cents.

**Phlox, Hardy Perennial.**

The new French varieties all carry very fine, distinct pure colors, in great trusses, many of them beautifully shaded and marked with distinct, clear, bright eyes. They require no care but dividing and resetting every second year. Instead of the thin flowers, which are limited to lilac and white colors, we now have gorgeous flowers, combining all the different tints of rose, carmine, red and purple, to say nothing of the pure white and salmon, with their distinct eyes. Perfectly hardy everywhere.

Price, 15 cents each; the set of six for 75 cents.

**Lothair**—Brilliant salmon rose.

**White Lady**—Pure white; dwarf.

**Sir E. Landseer**—Very brilliant dark crimson; large.

**Saison Lierval**—White; center violet.

**Triumph de Twickle**—Rosy magenta.

**Washington**—White; rosy-purple center.

We have an assortment of older varieties that we will send at 10 cents each, or 15 for \$1.00.

Glen Ridge, N. J., July 19, 1895.

THE GEO. H. MELLEN CO.:

Roses were delivered yesterday afternoon (July 18); came in fine condition, thank you very much for the extras. H. B.



Iris.

**Iris, Kämpferi.**

Perfectly hardy. The newer varieties of this King of Iris, recently introduced from Japan, are marvels of beauty and stateliness. Think of a plant sending up to the height of three feet a dozen flower spikes, each spike bearing from two to four enormous blossoms eight or ten inches across, and of the most delicate and beautiful colors, markings and combinations. Think of a bed of all colors, white, indigo, violet, lavender, mauve, sky-blue, royal purple, blush, yellow, etc. Your imagination can conceive of nothing grander, and when you see them you will realize that they are infinitely more grand and beautiful than your imagination could portray. Such are these new Iris Kämpferi, the king of hardy perennial plants. We offer this Iris in ten distinct colors.

Price, named varieties, our selection, 20 cents each; three distinct for 50 cents.

**Hardy Paeonies.**

This family is one of the most important in existence, and the more they become known the greater will be the demand. Great improvements have been made both in size of bloom and color; these range through the various shades of rose, pink, crimson, purple, white and yellow, some parti-colored, and many beautifully scented. All perfectly hardy, and will luxuriate in almost any soil. Forming most attractive objects during May and June.

Price, 25 cents each; three distinct kinds for 60 cents.

**Astilbe Japonica.**

(SPIREA JAPONICA.)

One of the finest of hardy garden plants; when in flower the plants are from twelve to 18 inches high. The flowers are white borne on feather-like spikes. It is extensively used for forcing for winter flowers for florists. Price, 15 cents each.

**Dicentra Spectabilis.**

(BLEEDING HEART.)

A hardy perennial plant with rose-colored flowers in great abundance; one of the best border plants; perfectly hardy and easily cultivated; two feet high; flowers in April or May. Price, 15 cents each.

**Trimona Uvaria.**

(FLAME FLOWER.)

A splendid half-hardy Summer and Autumn flowering plant, producing magnificent spikes of rich orange red flowers. They may be left in the ground during winter with good protection, or can be taken up in the Fall and potted and kept from frost. Price, 15 cents each; two for 25 cents.

**Yucca Filamentosa.**

(ADAM'S NEEDLE.)

A tropical looking plant, with long narrow leaves that remain green the entire year. It throws up a strong flower stem in the summer, three or four feet high, bearing a large spike of creamy white, bell-shaped flowers, that retain their beauty a long time; hardy. Price, 20 cents each.

Notice the number of large sized plants in our "United States" Collection on Page 7.



# HARDY ORNAMENTAL CLIMBING VINES.

## Apios Tuberosa, or the Tuberous-Rooted Wistaria.

A valuable hardy, tuberous-rooted climber, closely resembling the common Wistaria in vine and foliage, and having clusters of rich, deep purple flowers, which have a strong, delicious violet fragrance. Plant the bulbs near a trellis, fence, tree, or any place where you may wish a climber. It blooms profusely. The bulbs are perfectly hardy, and should not be taken up over Winter. It is sure to give satisfaction. Price, 10 cents each.

## Akebia Quinata.

One of the best climbers, bearing numberless bunches of violet-brown flowers, which have a pleasant cinnamon odor. It begins to bloom early in Spring, and continues several weeks. In good soil and location it will grow 30 to 40 feet high. Strong roots, 20 cents each.

## Boston Ivy.

(*Ampelopsis Veitchii*)—This vine also goes under the name of "Japanese Ivy" and "Boston Ivy." It clings readily to any surface, not even excepting glass, where it will spread its fairy-like tracery of infinitesimal leaflets and the accompanying circular suckers by which it is attached. The older leaves attain a moderate size. These are graduated down to very small ones. The texture is leathery and smooth. The foliage is closely overlapping, not a stem visible. It colors very bright in Autumn; it is a delicate green in Summer. We need not sigh for English Ivy to festoon our walls while we have *Ampelopsis Veitchii*. Price, 15 cents each; extra size, 30c.

## BIGNONIA.

### (Trumpet Creeper.)

For covering unsightly places, stumps, rock-work, or planting in crevices in hedges, the Bignonias will be found very useful. The flowers are large, attractive and showy, and borne profusely when the plant attains a fair size. Price, 20 cents.

## Cinnamon Vine.

A fine hardy climber, and well-known in some parts of the country as Chinese Yam. The tubers grow very large, and are edible, like a sweet potato. The vine is a beautiful rapid grower, producing sweet-scented flowers. Price, 8 cents each; 4 for 25 cents.

## Honeysuckle.

The dear old Honeysuckle is never out of place, at the rich man's mansion or the poor man's cottage. For a cheap, hardy, robust, yet lovely vine, it is the chief stand-by. Flowers exceedingly beautiful and very fragrant. Rapid grower and free bloomer.

**Aurea Reticulata**—A variety with beautifully variegated foliage; the leaves are netted and veined with clear yellow; flowers yellow and fragrant. Price, 15 cents each.

**Chinese Twining**—Blossoms at intervals through the Summer, and retains its foliage late in Winter; flowers nearly white; quite distinct. Price, 15 cents each.

**Halliana**—Color white, changing to yellow; very fragrant; blooms from June to November. Price, 15 cents each.

**Monthly Fragrant**—A fine rapid growing variety; flowers large and very fragrant; color red and yellow; a constant bloomer. Price, 15 cents each.

**Scarlet Trumpet**—A strong, rapid grower; blossoms very freely the entire season; bright red trumpet-shaped flowers. Price, 15 cents each.

The above set of 5 Honeysuckles sent postpaid for 50 cents.

## CLEMATIS (Virgins Bower.)

A beautiful class of hardy climbers, many of the varieties with flowers five to seven inches in diameter. Excellent for pillars or trellises, or when used for bedding or running over rock work or an old tree or stump they make an excellent show. They delight in rich soil, a sunny situation, and are perfectly hardy.

### Clematis Coccinea.

A very handsome hardy climber, bearing thick, bell-shaped flowers of a bright coral-red color. Blooms with wonderful profusion from June until frost. Price, 25 cents.

### Duchess of Edinburgh.

A free-flowering double white variety with medium sized flowers. Price, 60 cents each.

### Clematis Flamula.

A rapid growing variety, with small, white, sweet-scented flowers. Price, 25 cents.

### Henryi.

Fine, large, creamy white flowers. A strong grower and very hardy, one of the best of the white varieties; a perpetual bloomer. Price, 60 cents each.

### Jackmanii.

The flowers, when fully expanded, are from four to six inches in diameter; intense violet purple, with a rich velvety appearance, distinctly veined. It flowers continually from July until cut off by frosts. Price, 60 cents each.

### Ramona.

A strong, rampant grower and very hardy. A free and perpetual bloomer; flowers very large; color a deep sky blue. Price, 60c. each.

### Clematis Paniculata.

New sweet-scented Japan Clematis; a Japanese plant possessing unusually attractive merits; a vine of very rapid growth, quickly covering trellises and arbors with handsome, clean, glossy green foliage. The flowers are of medium size, pure white, borne in immense sheets, and of a most delicious and penetrating fragrance. These flowers appear in September, at a season when very few other vines are in bloom. 25 cts.

## WISTARIAS.

For training over buildings, piazzas, verandas or trellises, the Wistaria is of superior excellence, and the decorative features which their long, graceful, pendent blossoms afford, particularly pleasing and effective. The foliage is exceedingly rich and attractive and not too dense—half concealing and half revealing the object which it covers, which feature admits of a fine artistic effect of detail. The different varieties are

entirely hardy, rapid growers and easy to cultivate. They may be trained to a shrub form of habit by attention to pruning by cutting away the new growth for several seasons.

**Chinese Blue Wistaria**—One of the most beautiful of all Wistarias; a vigorous strong-growing vine, producing in early Summer a great profusion of large clusters of lovely, rich, violet-blue flowers, deliciously sweet and exceedingly handsome. One of the very best climbing vines for verandas, balconies, second-floor fronts, etc. Price, 25 cents.

**Chinese White Wistarias**—This differs from the Chinese only in color of flowers, which in this are pure white, forming a striking contrast. Price, 50 cents each.

Wewahitchka, Fla., Nov. 1, 1895.

The Goo. H. Mellen Co., Springfield, O.

Sirs:—The roses came in fine order, and are fine large plants. Many thanks. Respectfully, D. E. K.



# Hardy Ornamental Flowering Shrubs.

## ALTHEA, or ROSE OF SHARON.

One of the most showy and beautiful flowering Shrubs. Flowers of large size, bell-shaped, double, full and of brilliant and striking colors; borne in great profusion in August and September, when other flowers are scarce. Of regular and compact growth, with deep, glossy green leaves. Thrives in all ordinary situations, and is entirely hardy in the Middle States. Make beautiful ornamental hedges; sure to attract attention wherever seen. Two colors; double rose and double white. Price, 15 cents each.

## CALYCANTHUS.

The well-known "sweet-scented" Shrub. It bears, in May, a profusion of double purple blossoms, which have a strong, delicious pineapple fragrance. Very popular. Price, 15 cents.

## DEUTZIAS.

**Gracilis**—A charming Shrub. Flowers pure white, bell-shaped, delicately fringed and borne in such profusion as to cover the branches. Price, 10 cents each.

**Crenata**—Four feet in height. Flowers double, of a pure white, beautifully tinged with rose. An elegant Shrub. Price, 10 cents each.

**Candidissima**—This elegant variety resembles *Deutzia Crenata*, except that the flowers are pure white in color. It excels all others in size of flower and profusion of bloom. Price, 10 cents each.

## Exochordia Grandiflora.

A vigorous growing Shrub, forming a neat, compact bush 10 to 12 feet high; can be trimmed into any desired shape. The flowers are borne in slender racemes of 8 to 10 florets each, on light and wiry branches that bend beneath their load of bloom just enough to be airy and graceful. It is perfectly hardy; flowers pure white. Very useful for cut flowers. Price, 20 cents each.

## Philadelphus, or Mock Orange.

### SYRINGA.

**Coronarius**—A medium-sized Shrub bearing an abundance of white, sweet-scented flowers; last of May. Price, 15 cents each.

**Grandiflora**—A large growing Shrub; flowers snow white, in great profusion. June to July. Price, 15 cents.

## SNOWBALL.

A grand old Shrub which we all remember in childhood, producing, in June, large, round balls of snow-white bloom, which droop from the branches most gracefully. Price, 15 cents.

## SPIREAS.

Beautiful Shrubs of the easiest culture. They are all hardy and showy flowers, usually in panicles, their prevailing colors being white, pink, crimson, etc. Very desirable for shrubberies or flower gardens. Price, 15 cents each.

**Billiardii**—A strong growing, pink flowered, late blooming species.

**Prunifolia**—A beautiful Spirea. Its flowers are like double, small white daisies. Blooms early.

**Van Houtte**—Strong grower; flowers pure white in clusters.

## WEIGELIAS.

Beautiful shrubs that bloom in June and July. The flowers are produced in so great profusion as almost entirely to hide the foliage. They are very desirable for the border or for grouping, and also as specimen plants for the lawn.

**Candida**—This is the very best of all the white-flowered Weigelias; a strong, upright, erect grower; flowers pure white and produced in great profusion. Price, 15 cents each.

**Rosea, Nana Variegata**—One of the most conspicuous Shrubs that we cultivate; leaves beautifully margined creamy white; flowers pink. It is a dwarf grower and admirably adapted to small lawns or gardens. Price, 15 cents.

**Van Houtte**—Deep crimson; very prolific. Price, 15 cents.

**Rosea**—A beautiful Shrub with rose-colored flowers in May and June. Price, 15 cents.

## LILACS.

**Common**—(*Syringa Vulgaris*.) The common purple species and one of the best. Price, 15 cents.

**Common White**—(*S. Vulgaris Alba*.) Flowers pure white, very fragrant, beautiful. Price, 15 cents.

## TREE LILAC.—(SYRINGA JAPONICA).

A species from Japan, differing from all other Lilacs in that it makes quite a large tree, 20 to 30 feet high, instead of growing in bush form, as all other lilacs do. The foliage is large, very dark green, glossy and leathery. Flowers white, in immense clusters, 18 to 20 inches long, that stand erect above the foliage on stout stems. Perfectly hardy everywhere. It flowers about a month later than the common sorts, and when crowned with its huge masses of bloom it is a striking and magnificent object. Price, 35 cents each.

## WHITE FRINGE.

A very showy Shrub, with beautiful large glossy foliage and delicate fringe-like white flowers. Price, 25 cents.



*Hydrangea Paniculata Grandiflora.*

## The Hardy Hydrangea Paniculata Grandiflora.

A very striking and elegant hardy flowering Shrub, suitable for lawns, recently introduced from Japan. The flowers are pure white, afterwards changing to pink, and are borne in immense pyramidal trusses nearly a foot long and nearly as much in diameter. It blooms in mid-summer, and remains in bloom two or three months. Creates a great sensation wherever seen; is scarce and difficult to obtain. The plant is of bushy and compact growth, attains a height of three to four feet, and is perfectly hardy in all parts of the country; needs no protection of any kind.

**TREATMENT**—The bush should be cut back every Spring at least one-half of last season's growth, dug around and well manured. The flowers are borne on the new or young wood, and are largest and finest when the plant is making a strong, vigorous growth. Strong one-year plants, 15 cents; strong two-year plants, 35 cents.

## PYRUS JAPONICA.

A small, compact tree, which, before its leaves appear in the Spring, produces rosy-red flowers in such profusion as to make the bush appear a solid pyramid of bloom. For an object of rare and striking beauty, few flowering plants can compare with it. Don't fail to plant it. Price, 25 cents.



# Choice and Rare Fruits.

**T**HE FRUIT GARDEN is an indispensable part of any home, it is a delight, a satisfaction, a convenience, a profit, and a source of the most healthful and delicious food supply any family can have. Beginning with the Strawberry in May, the supply is never exhausted until the last Winter Apple has gone—Juneberries, Cherries, Raspberries, Wineberries, Currants, Blackberries, Plums, Peaches, Pears, Grapes and Apples follow successively. They save expense, are luscious and convenient, and any place well stocked with fruit always finds a ready sale at a good price. We have carefully prepared a limited list of varieties which are perfectly adapted to all parts of the country and can be sent by mail, post paid, at prices named. If you wish trees sent by express, larger ones can be sent you at the same price. The trees we offer are young and thrifty, and will make a very rapid growth and bear quickly. If sent by mail, postage paid by us. **If by express or freight, charges paid by purchaser, and larger stock will be sent.** Parties wishing trees, etc., of larger size or in large quantities by express or freight are requested to correspond with us for prices.

## OUR SPECIAL LOW-PRICE DOLLAR COLLECTIONS.

For \$1.00 we will send any one of the following collections, postage paid. Everything will be plainly labeled, and strong, well-rooted one-year-old stock will be sent.

When ordering name the number of the collection. Only \$1 each.

- 28—14 Apple trees, 7 sorts.  
 29—4 Pear trees and 4 Apple trees, all different.  
 30—3 Cherry trees, 3 Pear trees, all different.  
 31—2 Pear, 2 Quince, 2 Apple, 2 Peach, all different.  
 32—5 Peach, 3 Plum, all different.  
 33—1 Pear, 1 Cherry, 1 Quince, 1 Plum, 2 Peach, 2 Apple.  
 34—1 Apple, 1 Pear, 1 Apricot, 1 Quince, 1 Peach, 1 Cherry, 1 Plum.  
 35—12 Grape Vines, 2 each—Wyoming, Concord, Ulster, Pockington, Worden, Niagara.  
 36—15 Concord Grape Vines.  
 37—42 Raspberry, 6 each—Sonhegan, Gregg, Hilborn, Palmer, Cuthbert, Shaffer, Golden Queen.

- 38—15 Currants, 5 each—Red Dutch, Cherry, White Grape.  
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 41—2 Grape, 2 Currants, 5 Raspberries, 5 Blackberries, 2 Gooseberries.  
 42—1 Garber Pear, 1 Abundance Plum, 1 Champion Peach, 1 Moyer Grape.  
 43—7 Gooseberries, 2 Downing, 2 Houghton, 1 Golden Prolific, 1 Industry, 1 White Smith.  
 44—1 Rockey Mountain Cherry, 2 Dwarf Juneberries, 3 North Star Currants.

### APRICOT.

Harris Apricot—Rich golden; large size; very fine quality; early bearer and very prolific. Price, 30 cents each; \$3 per dozen. By express.

SPECIAL OFFER—Four trees for \$1.00.

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Large Size, four to five ft. trees,	25c.	\$2.75
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- 4 Crosby,  
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12 Trees for \$1.60, by Express.

### DEWBERRY.

Lacretia Dewberry—This is a new and decided acquisition. The fruit is, when fully ripe, of large size and superior flavor. The vine is perfectly hardy, and has withstood thirty degrees below zero without injury. It propagates from the tips, like Blackcap Raspberry, and never suckers or sprouts. Price, 10 cents each; twenty for \$1, by mail.

### JAPANESE WINEBERRY.

This interesting plant belongs to the Raspberry family. The fruit is borne in large clusters, and each berry is at first tightly enveloped by the large calyx, forming a sort of burr, which is also covered with purplish-red hairs so thickly as to present the appearance of moss rose buds. These gradually open and turn back, exposing the fruit in all its beauty. A bush in full fruiting is a decided ornament to the garden. For jelly-making, canning and preserving it is without an equal. Price, 15 cents each; four for 50 cents; \$1.50 per dozen, by mail.

### JUNEBERRY.

Improved Dwarf—A good substitute for the large or Swamp Huckleberry or Whortleberry, which it resembles. The fruit is borne in clusters, reddish-purple in color, changing to bluish-black. In flavor it is of a mild, rich sub-acid; excellent as a desert fruit or canned. It is extremely hardy. In habit it is similar to the currant, the bushes attaining the same size. The blossoms are quite large and composed of fine white petals, which, with its bright, glossy, dark green foliage, renders it one of the handsomest of ornamental shrubs. Price, 15 cents each; ten for 75 cents, by mail.

THE GEO. H. MELLEEN CO., Springfield, O.:

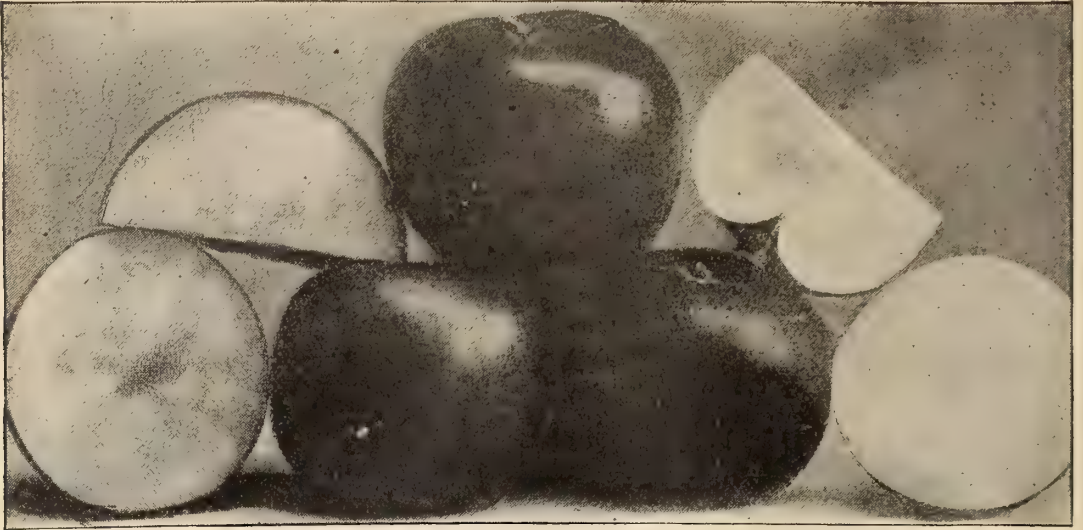
My order of plants was duly received and in splendid order. Three little Roses fully bloomed were so fragrant and pretty. Many thanks for extras.

Laredo, Tex., Oct. 26, 1895.

MRS. M. L. M.



# Seedless Apple, A Unique Novelty.



**W**E introduce this decided novelty for the first time to the public. We never brought out a more unique novelty than this. It originated in Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, and the original tree has been known for a number of years, but now is the first time it has been propagated and put upon the market. The tree bears an apple which is in size and shape like the Duchess of Oldenburg—its peculiarity being that it has no seeds or the slightest sign of a core—it is solid meat. This is the most peculiar freak which has ever been obtained in vegetation, its oddity, as well as its fine bearing qualities and the excellent quality of the fruit—being a very long keeping winter variety will make it immensely popular. *Price, 60 cents each; two for \$1.00.*

## APPLES—General Collection.

### TWO BEST SUMMER APPLES.

*10 Cents Each.*

**Red Astrachan**—Large, beautiful deep crimson.

**Yellow Transparent**—One of the most desirable early apples in cultivation. Early bearer; good grower and hardy; fruit pale yellow, roundish ovate, good size and good quality; skin clear white at first, becoming a beautiful pale yellow when fully matured. Ripens before early harvest. Sub-acid.

### FIVE BEST FALL APPLES.

*10 Cents Each.*

**Duchesse of Oldenburg**—Tree a strong grower, young and abundant bearer. Fruit large, yellow streaked red, rich sub-acid flavor, juicy and good. The best known Russian sort, valuable in all sections for both market and home use. Sept.

**Gravenstein**—Large, striped and beautiful; tender, juicy and high flavored; productive. Aug. and Sept.

**Maiden's Blush**—Rather large, oblate, smooth, regular, with a fine, evenly shaped red cheek or blush on a clear, pale yellow ground; flesh white, tender, sprightly, with a pleasant, sub-acid flavor; bears large crops. Sept. and Oct.

**Red Bietigheimer**—Fruit large to very large, roundish, inclining to conical; skin pale, cream colored ground, mostly covered with purplish crimson; flesh white, firm, sub acid, with a brisk pleasant flavor. Tree a free grower and abundant bearer. This is one of the largest and handsomest apples and worthy of extensive cultivation. September.

**Rambo**—Medium, yellowish, streaked with dull red, and somewhat dotted; mild, tender, good and productive. Oct. to Dec.

### CRAB APPLES.

*10 Cents Each.*

Perfectly hardy, succeed everywhere, early and annual bearers, productive and ornamental. One year grafts cut back for mailing.

**Hyslop**—Large, deep crimson; one of the most beautiful of crabs; very popular. October and January.

**Transcendent**—Immensely productive, bright red; one of the most popular. September and October.

### BEST WINTER APPLES.

*10 Cents Each.*

**Ben Davis**—Large, handsome, striped, valuable late keeper.

**Baldwin**—Large, bright red, crisp, juicy and rich.

**Bottle Greening**—Medium, yellow shaded crimson, sub-acid, almost melting.

**Gideon**—Tree as hardy as a crab, vigorous and an early and prolific bearer. Fruit medium to large, color a rich golden yellow with a clear and handsome blush on the sunny side; flesh fine, juicy, sub-acid. November to January.

**Huntsman's Favorite**—Large, pale yellow, crisp, tender, rich, sub-acid.

**King**—Large, striped, productive,

**Longfield**—Large, striped, rich, sub-acid; free grower, early bearer.

**Missouri Pippin**—Yellow splashed red; crisp, juicy, sub-acid.

**Peter**—(Gideon's "Best of All.") A seedling of Wealthy, which it resembles in form and color, is better quality and 4 to 8 weeks later. Has endured 45 degrees below zero and borne fine crops when other hardy varieties failed. One of the best hardy apples.

**Pewaukee**—Medium size, bright yellow, splashed red; sub-acid, with rich, aromatic flavor.

**Rome Beauty**—Large, yellow shaded red.

**Rhode Island Greening**—Large, greenish yellow, tender, juicy, rich, acid.

**Scott's Winter**—Originated in Vermont; hardy and vigorous; bright red; crisp, spicy and of a brisk acidity; long keeper, being at its best in April and May.

**Wolf River**—Large, handsome; yellow shaded and striped red, juicy, pleasant spicy flavor.



## TWO UNEXCELLED PEARS.

We offer below what is considered to be the two most valuable Pears which have been introduced of late years. They are certainly superb in every respect.

**Garber Pear**—This is one of the greatest wonders among new fruits, and is considered the King of Pears. The fruit grows to an immense size—often weighing a pound and a half. It is yellow in color outside, with a rich pink blush on the sunny side, while the flesh is a snow-white and of the very richest quality found among Pears. It is a Japanese variety, of phenomenal bearing qualities, which fruits the fourth year. Fruit is of wonderful size and luscious quality. These features have brought it into great prominence. Everything claimed for it has been more than realized, and the Garber is the Pear to plant above any other. It is hardy and vigorous. Price of fine, vigorous young trees, of genuine stock, 2 years old, 40 cents each; 3 for \$1.00; by express.

**Kieffer**—The fact that this pear becomes more popular each year is proven by the fact that there are more Kieffer pear trees planted now than any other three varieties. Its large size and handsome appearance always causes it to sell well upon the market, bringing the highest prices. It is free from blight; comes into bearing the second year after transplanted. It is exceedingly vigorous, makes a handsome tree for the lawn. It has come to stay. Price, 35 cents each; 4 for \$1.00; by express.

**SPECIAL OFFER—2 Garber, 2 Kieffer, \$1.00.**

## CHERRIES.

The most popular Summer fruit. They are unequalled for shade on the lawn, and the fact that they come into bearing so early and do well in all parts of the country everyone owning property should have a few Cherry trees. These trees we send by express, and are large, well-matured stock, 5 to 6 feet high. We give below a few special sorts:

**Centennial**—The most wonderful Cherry we have ever seen. The Centennial is so enduring in texture that it can be kept in good condition almost indefinitely. Ripe specimens have been kept in an ordinary room for a month after gathered and were still in eating condition. In addition to its remarkable keeping properties, the fruit is of immense size, beautiful amber, shaded red with very firm yet tender flesh; sweet, rich and luscious. Tree an extra good, straight and handsome grower. No other Cherry can compare with it for canning. Its sweetness is very pronounced, being exceedingly sugary. Its crispness and honied sweetness make it desirable table fruit, but its great value is in its firmness, which makes it probably the best shipping Cherry yet introduced. Ripens in midseason. Price, 30 cents each; \$3.00 per dozen.

## GENERAL LIST.

Selected, two years, strong and thrifty. Heavy, first-class, 5 to 6 feet. Price, 25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.

**Carnation**—Fruit large, light red, slightly marbled, a little acid, agreeable, good grower and great bearer. Middle and last of July.

**Dyehouse**—A very early and sure bearer; ripens a week before Early Richmond; of better quality and quite as productive. Free. First of June.

**Early Richmond**—Medium size, dark red; melting, juicy, sprightly, acid flavor. Unsurpassed for cooking purposes, and is exceedingly productive. Free. May and June.

**Large Montmorency**—A large, red, acid Cherry, larger than Early Richmond, and fully ten days later. Free. Middle of June.

**Louis Philippe**—Very productive; fruit large, roundish, regular; color rich dark, almost purplish black red; flesh red, tender, sprightly; mild acid. Free. First of July.

**May Duke**—Large, dark red, juicy and rich; an old, excellent variety; productive. Free. First of June.

**Northwest**—Tree hardy, vigorous and enormously productive. Fruit dark red, very rich, acid, firm and fine for canning. Ripens one week earlier than Early Richmond.

**Ostheim**—Large; red when fully ripe a dark red; flesh red, tender, juicy, pleasant. Tree exceedingly hardy; a vigorous grower and productive.

**Olivet**—Large; deep red; tender, rich, vinous. A choice variety. Early.

**Reine Hortense**—Large; red, mottled; juicy, tender, rich; one of the best. Late.

**Royal Duke**—One of the largest of the Duke cherries, ripening after May Duke. Last of June.

**Wragg**—Very hardy, the tree is a good grower and an immense bearer; fruit a dark liver color, juicy and rich.

**SPECIAL OFFER—Your choice of any five trees in above list for \$1.00. Entire list, including "Centennial," making 13 in all, \$2.50 Must be sent by Express.**

## DWARF ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHERRY.

This is a wonderfully productive fruit, jet black when ripe, season of ripening being after all others are gone. In flavor it is akin to the sweet cherries, and when fully ripe, for preserves or to eat out of hand. It bears every year, and is as prolific as a currant bush. Grows to a height of four feet, and has never been affected by insects, black knot or other disease. In addition to its immense productivity of luscious fruits, it makes a handsome flowering bush with its mass of pure white flowers. There is a great difference in varieties, ours is genuine. Price, postpaid, 35 cents each; 4 for \$1.00.

## PLUMS.

Great progress has been made in the past five years in Plum culture, and it is now an absolute fact that large crops of Plums can be grown each season by planting the improved Japanese sorts and planting them about eight feet apart in a cluster. This is called a colony. By planting in clusters or colonies the pollen of the bloom mixes readily and produces large crops of the finest fruit, on a plot of ground 18x24 feet you can plant a colony of 12 trees—we select a special list in suitable variety.

**Burbank**—The best of all the Japan sorts of plums. The flesh is deep yellow color, very sweet with a peculiar and very agreeable flavor.

**Golden Prune**—Very large, yellow, flesh yellow, sweet.

**Green Gage**—Small; considered the standard of excellence. Slow. Middle of August.

**Golden Beauty**—Round, rich golden yellow, just the right color in a plum for canning or preserving, very firm, small seed.

**Marianna**—An accidental seedling of Wild Goose, rapid grower, fruit round, large as Wild Goose, excellent, deep bright red, stone small.

**German Prune**—Large, long, oval variety, much esteemed for drying, dark purple, agreeable flavor.

**Shippers' Pride**—Size large; color dark purple; flesh firm and excellent quality.

**Apricot Plum**—It will be the king of fruit—better than any apricot.

**Botankio**—Yellow orange ground, nearly covered with red-dish purple; flesh deep orange, very firm; sub-acid.

**Moyer**—Fruit medium size, blue, and one of the very best for cooking purposes.

**Moore's Arctic**—Purplish black skin; flesh greenish yellow, clings some to stone.

**Wild Goose**—Size large, rather dark red, juicy, sweet and of good flavor. We regard it as the best.

**SPECIAL OFFER—The entire collection of 12 trees will be sent for \$3.50, or one-half of the collection, 6 trees, your choice, \$2.00. Single tree, 40 cents each. Must be sent by express.**



**GRAPES.**

Price, one-year-old, 20 cts each; 6 for \$1, except where noted.

**White varieties.**

**Green Mountain**—(Winchelli) New, white, productive, delicious quality, beautiful bunches, very desirable. Price, two-year-old, \$1.

**Moore's Diamond**—New white. This is second to none of the white Grapes in quality, or productiveness, or value for garden or market. Price, one-year-old, 25c.; two-year-old, 35c.

**Pocklington**—A seedling from Concord, with clear, juicy, light golden-yellow fruit.

**Empire State**—A fine white, healthy, strong grower; ripens early.

**Niagara**—Berries larger than Concord, round, light greenish white, sweet to the center.

**Black Varieties.**

**Early Ohio**—The new early black Grape. Ten days earlier than Moore's Early; three times as productive. Price, one-year-old, 75 cents; two-year-old, \$1.

**Eaton**—Large black; resembles Moore's Early; fine quality.

**Moyer**—Much larger than Delaware; ripens early; free from rot and mildew. Price, one-year-old, 35c.; two-year-old, 50c.

**Concord**—Too well known to need description. Price, one-year-old, 10c. fifteen for \$1; two-year-old, 15c. 10 for \$1, express.

**Moore's Early**—Bunch large, berry large, round, with heavy blue bloom, vine exceedingly hardy.

**Red Varieties.**

**Agawam**—(Rogers' No. 15.) Berries very large, with thick skin; pulp soft, sweet and sprightly; very vigorous; ripens early.

**Catawba**—Bunches large and loose, berries large, of a copery red color, becoming purplish when all ripened.

**Delaware**—An old favorite; skin light red; flesh very juicy, sweet.

**SPECIAL OFFER** We will deliver at your postoffice one each of the thirteen above valuable varieties, one-year-old, for \$2.75; two-year-old, for \$4.00. NO FURTHER DISCOUNT.

**STRAWBERRIES.**

The blossoms of those marked with (p) are destitute of stamens and are termed pistillate, and unless a row of perfect flowering variety is planted at intervals not exceeding about a rod, they will produce imperfect fruit, and but little of it; but when properly fertilized, as a rule, they are more prolific than those with perfect flowers.

Price, 30c. for 10; \$1.25 per 100; except where noted.

**Mrs. Cleveland (p)**—Large, uniform berries, of excellent shape and quality; scarlet color, very attractive appearance and extra large size. Ripens early. 40c. per 10; \$1.50 per 100.

**Sharpless**—Has a high reputation for vigor of plant, size of berry, flavor and productiveness; flesh firm, sweet, with a delicate aroma; of fine quality, color clear light red, with a smooth, shining surface.

**Havealand (p)**—Plants are very large, healthy, vigorous, and ripen their fruit evenly and early, holding on through the season. Berries are fine, uniform in shape, very large, excellent flavor and bright red color.

**Oregon Everbearing**—On the Pacific coast, a constant abundant bearer of large berries from May until killed by frost, and said to show the same persistent bearing qualities wherever tested. 50c. per 10, \$2.50 per 100.

**Crescent Seedling (p)**—Medium size, bright light scarlet; continues a long time in fruit; plant very vigorous and hardy and will produce good crops under greater neglect than any other strawberry.

**Gandy**—A valuable late variety; berries bright crimson, uniform size and shape, large, firm and ripen late; plant healthy and vigorous.

**Bubach's No. 5 (p)**—Combines many excellent qualities, such as great and uniform size, fine form and color, good quality of fruit and unsurpassed productiveness. It ripens early and continues long in bearing.

**Crawford**—A luxuriant grower and abundant bearer; blossoms perfect, very strongly staminate; fruit very large. It has a smooth surface, and is of a beautiful red color, ripening without white ends. It is of good quality, commences to ripen early and furnishes fine, large berries to the end of the season.

**ASPARAGUS.**

**Conover's Colossal**—A mammoth variety of vigorous growth, sending up from fifteen to twenty sprouts each year, from one to two inches in diameter; color deep green, and crown very close. Price, 80c. per doz.; \$3.00 per 100.

**RASPBERRIES.**

Price, 10 cents; 50 cents for 10; \$2.50 for 100.

**Black.**

**Kansas**—The best of Black-caps. Berries large or larger than the Gregg, jet black, firm, handsome and of the best quality. Very vigorous growth; stands drought and cold; exceedingly productive. Should be tried.

**Ohio**—(Alden.) Hardy, vigorous and productive, berry of fine quality, good size, bright color, and remarkably firm. For canning and evaporating, one of the most profitable.

**Cuthbert, or Queen of the Market**—Stands the Northern Winters and Southern Summers equal to any. Berries very large, conical; rich crimson; flavor sweet, rich and luscious.

**Gregg**—The leading late Black-Cap; very productive; berries very large; covered with heavy bloom, firm, meaty and of fine flavor.

**Yellow.**

**Golden Queen**—Its leading characteristics are large size, great beauty, high quality, hardness and productiveness. It is wonderfully productive, ripening in mid-season, and no home garden should be without it.

**Red.**

**Shaffer's Colossal**—An immense Raspberry both in cane and fruit, and especially adapted to the South. Enormously productive; berries are very large, of a dull purplish, unattractive color, rather soft, but luscious, and of a rich, sprightly flavor. Unrivalled for family use, and is one of the best for canning. Late.

**BLACKBERRIES.**

Price, unless noted, 10 cents each; 50 cents for 10; \$1.00 for 30. For prices by freight or express, ask for price list.

**Snyder**—Extremely hardy, enormously productive; medium size, no hard, sour core; sweet and melting.

**Erie**—One of the best hardy varieties; very productive; fruit large, round in form, giving it the appearance of being even larger than it really is; good quality; ripens early. Price, 15 cents; \$1.00 for 20.

**Kittatinny**—Is ripe as soon as black, and much earlier, sweeter and better in every respect than the Lawton.

**CURRENTS.**

**Cherry**—Berries sometimes more than half an inch in diameter; bunches short, plant very vigorous and productive when grown on good soils. Price, 10 cents each; fifteen for \$1.

**Fay's Prolific**—As large as Cherry, berries much more uniform, with larger stems, and fruit less acid. Price, 15 cents; ten for \$1.

**La Versailles**—Very large, red; bunch long, of great beauty and excellent quality; one of the finest and best, and should be in every collection. Price, 10 cts each; fifteen for \$1.

**North Star**—(New.) From Minnesota and claimed to be perfectly adapted to the climate of the Northwest. Large, strong grower, productive, bunches long, fine quality. Price, 25 cents each; five for \$1.

**White Grape**—Very large, yellowish-white, sweet, or very mild acid, excellent quality and valuable for the table; the finest of the white sorts. Very productive. Price, 10 cents; fifteen for \$1.

**GOOSEBERRIES.**

**Downing**—Very large, handsome, pale green and of splendid quality for both cooking and table use. Price, 15 cents each; ten for \$1.

**Triumph**—An American seedling, free from mildew. Color light green to yellow, of good quality; berries of remarkable size. Price, 40 cents each; three for \$1.

**Smith's Improved**—Large, pale greenish yellow, skin thin, of excellent quality, unsurpassed for table use or cooking; excessively productive. 15 cents each; 8 for \$1.00.

**Industry**—The best English Gooseberry yet introduced; berries of the largest size, one and one-half inches in diameter, and of most excellent flavor, both pleasant and rich. Price, 25 cents each; five for \$1.00.

**Golden Prolific**—An American seedling of the English type. Perfectly hardy, a good grower and unusually free from mildew. Fruit large, deep, golden yellow, quality excellent. A heavy fruiter. Price, 50 cents; 5 for \$2.



# Here is a Most Remarkable Offer.

**A** SUPERB COLLECTION of our most wonderful varieties of Fruit, collected together for the purpose of introducing these wonderful varieties to the public. And in addition to the varieties, we offer to give a fine **Dining Room Picture**, size 17x24 inches, worked up from an **Original Water-Color Design**, which cost two thousand dollars to produce the first lithograph copy. This design was produced by the best artist in the country, which accounts for its being so rich in coloring and so true to nature. We want it in five hundred thousand homes, and only by producing it in such large quantities are we able to procure it at a cost that we can afford to give it away as a Souvenir to advertise our stock. We have, therefore, this offer to make with the following

## Choice and Rare Fruits.

### BON BON CHERRY.

Undoubtedly the most valuable Cherry in cultivation, owing to its enormous size, rich, dark-red color, early ripening, luscious quality, and freedom from the cherry worm. It is a sure cropper every year. The original tree, now over thirty years old, has never failed to produce a good crop each year. It is of extraordinary fine flavor, rich, juicy and luscious. It is a fact that this Cherry is never wormy. Its extreme earliness, great size, beauty, fine quality, and an annual bearer, makes the Bon Bon Cherry of wonderful value. The Cherry being the first fruit of the season to ripen, everyone who owns a home should plant a few trees, and the best variety of all to plant is the Bon Bon.

### TWO GRAND PLUMS,

Which are crossed with the Japanese varieties, and possess distinct merits, and the most beautiful, most luscious bearers and keepers, hardest and best adapted to all soils and climates.

**THE SHIPPER PLUM.**—Tree a large, rank grower, very prolific; fruit of large size, rich, juicy and sweet; form and color of Imperial Gage, but more handsome, and the best Plum for shipping yet introduced; hardy, robust and heavy annual cropper.

**THE BOTAN PLUM.**—Large, rich purple, very fine quality, sweet and juicy, and medium early. A Plum of enormous size, and sweet, melting flavor. Comes into bearing earlier than any other Plum. We have actually had trees bearing in the nursery row, and will bear the second year after planting.

### THE CROSBY PEACH

Is an iron-clad variety and perfectly hardy. This wonderful new Peach originated near Lowell, Mass. The tree is low, spreading, willow-like in habit of hardy that it produces a full annual medium to large, rich orange-yellow, side; flesh yellow, juicy, very sweet, perfect freestone. The low growth it a desirable ornament for the with its large, luscious fruit, it is small trees it is possible to have. It other Peach, and can be planted in not be large enough for the large-



growth, and the fruit buds are so crop when all others fail. Fruit splashed with crimson on the sunny tender and rich; pit is small and a and great beauty of this tree makes lawn or garden. When it is loaded one of the most strikingly beautiful will grow in less space than any nooks and corners which would growing varieties.



### GRAPES.

Everyone that has a bare fence, wall or out-building, or a few feet of vacant ground, can plant a few Grape Vines, and reap an annual harvest of luscious fruit.

**GOLDEN POCKLINGTON.**—A very sweet and delicious Grape, of a beautiful amber color, hardy, vigorous and productive.

**MOYER.**—An extra early Grape, about the size and color of the old Delaware, but with a larger bunch. It is sweeter and more delicious than any other Grape grown. The vines are hardy, vigorous and productive.


**NIAGARA.**—It is the leading White Grape of the day. The berries are large and borne in large bunches; flavor sweet and delicious, exceedingly productive, and is as hardy as the Concord.

### THE GREAT WEALTHY APPLE.

The apple being the most prominent in the picture, we leave its description until the last, as we cannot give a description that will do justice to this rare variety, which originated in Northern Minnesota, and is supposed to be a chance seedling of the Duchess of Oldenberg. It is perfectly iron-clad, as it originated in the coldest climate of our country. It is very productive, its fruit is of large size, with a smooth skin, tender and juicy. It is beyond any question the most valuable Apple produced, as we have them bearing in our nursery row at three years old from the bud; and one can count on getting apples from these trees three years after transplanting.

We have now given a complete description of the contents of this wonderful Picture, but the most wonderful is to follow.

### OUR SPECIAL OFFER:

By Express, 	{	Three Wealthy Apples,		One Crosby Peach,	}	Charges Prepaid.
		Three Bon Bon Cherries,		One Moyer Grape,		
		One Shipper Plum,		One Pocklington Grape,		
		One Botan Plum,		One Niagara Grape.		

The entire list named above, including one of the **Dining-room Pictures**, we will deliver free at your nearest express office for **only \$3.00**. This is a rare offer, and should sell itself. No further discount on this offer.

**All stock used in the above Special Offer will be heavy, first-class stock, 2 years old, 5 to 6 feet, selected especially for this most remarkable offer.**



# CHOICE FLOWER SEEDS.

ALL TESTED AND TRUE TO NAME.

**W**E HAVE exercised the greatest care in selecting our seeds, knowing that our future success largely depends on the quality of seeds we send out. The greater part of the flower seeds we offer are grown for us by one of the most extensive and popular seedsmen in Germany, while some of them are grown on our own grounds.

Our customers can rely upon getting those of the very best quality and finest strain, as we use the utmost caution to send out nothing but first-class, fresh and true to name. One packet contains a sufficient quantity for ordinary purposes. Our price will be found remarkably low—much lower than the same quality can be bought for elsewhere—and our list contains nearly all the choice kinds in cultivation.

## Good Points on Starting Seeds.

Most Flower Seeds germinate well in a fine, sandy loam, partially protected from the sun. Heat and moisture are the two essential points to start life in seeds.

A general rule for the seed bed is, to have the soil level and worked very finely. Sow the seed evenly in rows and cover to the depth of about three times the size of the seeds, with the finest of soil pressed firmly over it. It is of the utmost importance to see that the seeds are not planted too deep, (in which case they are sure to rot) nor should the soil ever become dry after germination has started, as it invariably will kill the new life. To protect against such failures it is best to start all fine seeds in small seed-boxes, as the surface of the soil can then be kept more properly moistened and protected from the scorching rays of the sun. By early sowing in a greenhouse, hot-bed, or in the window-garden, some sorts of both biennials and perennials will flower the first year.

## Our New Departure==Flower Seeds at Half Price.

On all Flower Seed orders over \$1.00 select double the amount of your order—that is, if you send \$1.00, select seeds to the amount of \$2.00; for \$2.00 select \$4.00 worth, and so on. Get up Clubs and secure your Flower Seeds free. When you take these discounts you must not include seeds in plant orders and take another discount on them. No discounts on seed orders for less than \$1.00.

## PLEASE MAKE OUT YOUR SEED ORDER SEPARATE FROM YOUR PLANT ORDER.

## ANNUALS AND OTHERS Except Climbers, that Bloom from Seed the First Season.

Under this head we class the true Annuals, also Perennials and Biennials, which grow and flower to full perfection the same season they are planted, such as Pansies, Dianthus, etc. Here will be found the flowers of our intimate acquaintance, that brighten our gardens and delight our eyes from year to year, some with their modest beauty, others with their gorgeous magnificence. With all to select from, no spot in the garden or flower-bed need want for charming and luxuriant blooming plants, suitable for the situation and soil.

### ROYAL PRIZE MIXED ABUTILON.

Few lovers of these beautiful flowers are aware how easily they can be raised from seed and how beautiful they flower all Summer the first season. To get them in bloom early, the seed should be started in the house and the young plants set out in the garden when the weather is warm and settled. The Royal Prize Abutilons here offered embraces the most elegant colors, both selfs and streaked and veined varieties. Half-hardy perennial. Per pkt., 15 cents.

### AGERATUM.

Fine plants for massing outside and valuable for Winter blooming in the house. Prized by florists for cut flowers. Annuals. Mixed colors. Per packet, 5 cents.

### AMARANTHUS.

Very ornamental plants, some remarkable for large panicles of showy flowers and others for the brilliant range of colors in the leaves. Mixed varieties. Per packet, 5 cents.

### ANTIRRHINUM—Snap Dragon.

Very pretty free-flowering plants. One of the best annuals for beds and borders. Grows well in ordinary soil.

**Majus Mixed**—Fine colors. Two feet. Per pkt., 5 cents.

**Tom Thumb**—Very dwarf; beautiful colors. Height, nine inches. Per packet, 5 cents.

### Argemone Grandiflora.

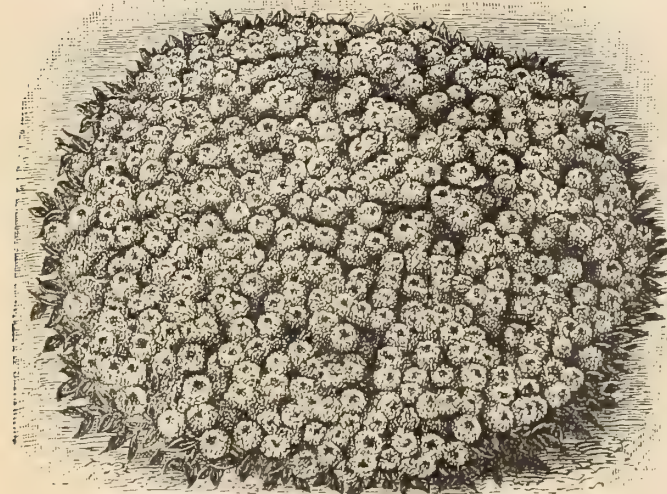
We do not attempt to show a cut of this beautiful flower, as one can not do it justice, especially as the page is not large enough to show the flower natural size. The flower is of snowy whiteness, the center filled with golden stamens. Its shape is like that of a saucer, opening nearly flat, its immens. size making it very conspicuous. Grows 18 inches high, and has beautiful foliage. Few garden flowers are so singularly striking as this. It will be a genuine delight to all who plant it.

**Grandiflora**—Immense white blossoms of great beauty. Per packet, 5 cents.

### ABRONIA.

Pretty trailing plants, producing clusters of sweetscented, Verbena-like flowers, especially fragrant toward evening, lasting in bloom a long time; effective in beds, rock work or hanging baskets; peel off the husk before sowing the seed. Half-hardy annuals; height, 12 inches.

**Umbellata**—Rosy lilac, with a white eye. Per pkt., 5 cents.



Sweet Alyssum—Little Gem.

### ALYSSUM.

A well-known favorite, with delicate flowers of a honey-like fragrance; much prized for bouquets, baskets, rockeries and bedding; a continual bloomer.

**Sweet**—Flowers white. Hardy annual. Per pkt., 5 cents.

**Little Gem**—(Benthami Compactum)—A new and very compact growing sort, thickly studded with spikes of pure white flowers; ½ ft.; hardy annual. Per pkt., 10 cents.

YOU NEVER BOUGHT GOOD SEEDS CHEAPER THAN WE HERE OFFER THEM.



**ASTERS—(Fall Roses.)**

Too well known to need any description; the most popular and useful of all our annuals. For early flowers the seed may be sown in the house, or greenhouse, in March or April, and transplanted in the open ground in May. However, as the Aster is essentially a Fall flower, the late blossoms are the finest, it is best to sow the seed in the bed thinly early in May, and transplant when strong enough, setting the plants of the large varieties twelve inches apart and the dwarf ones six inches apart. Half hardy annuals.



**New Dwarf Boquet Aster.**

**New Dwarf Boquet**—The New Dwarf Boquet Asters grow only twelve inches in height, of very neat and compact habit, and flower most profusely. The colors are most particularly rich and brilliant, and the refined form of the flowers attracts much attention wherever grown. Twelve colors mixed. Price, 10 cents per packet.

**Aster, New Giant White Branching**—This grand American novelty produces magnificent, large, double white flowers, quite four inches in diameter, which are borne upon long stems, making it excellent for cutting. The long, broad petals are frequently twisted and curled in such a manner as to give the blossoms the appearance of large, graceful Chrysanthemums; a novelty of unusual merit. Per pkt. 15c.

**A Long-Sought-for Novelty, The Yellow Aster.**

After the many vain attempts of years past a Yellow Aster has really been produced. Just how far "Nature has been made more beautiful thereby" we leave to the individual judgement of each planter, but are sure that many will welcome the unexpected novelty of a Yellow Aster. The form of the double flower is a perfect ball; the quills are close together and of the brightest sulphur-yellow, not a mere indication of the color, as in former efforts. The border petals are broad and of a lighter tint, seeming to enclose the flower like an old-fashioned boquet paper. The flowers are borne upon long, erect stems, excellent for cutting. The plants, twelve to fifteen inches high, are of compact, bushy growth, and most abundant bloomer. Per packet, 15 cents.

**Triumph Aster**—Plants eight inches high, covered with large, handsome, perfectly formed flowers of the most faultless pæony form. The color is peculiarly rich and intensely brilliant; when beginning to bloom it changes to a magnificent satiny scarlet—two most brilliant colors. Per pkt., 10c.

**COMET ASTERS.**

A new and very distinct Aster, differing from all others in shape of flowers; it has long wavy and twisted petals formed into a dense half globe, somewhat resembling the Japanese Chrysanthemum,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 inches across.

**Deep Rose**—Per packet, 10 cents.

**Pink**—Bordered with white. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Light Blue**—Bordered with white. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Crown, or Cocardan**—(White center.) The center of each flower is white, surrounded by a broad margin of color, such as crimson, rose, violet, etc. Flowers large and freely produced. In six colors, mixed. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Jewel, or Ball-Shaped Aster**—A new and beautiful class of Asters, obtained from the well-known Pæony Perfection race; similar but somewhat dwarfer in habit than the latter, and with shorter petals; perfectly round flowers; 20 inches; mixed colors. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Porcupine, or Hedgehog**—A grand variety, with large, massive flowers, with long quilled, sharply pointed petals; 2 feet; splendid colors; mixed. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Truffaut's Pæony Flowered Perfection**—The highest and most perfect type of this class. Seed saved from the most perfect of this magnificent strain;  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Mixed, including a large and fine range of colors. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Queen of the Market**—Of graceful, spreading habit; its great merit is its early-flowering character, being in full bloom two weeks before most other Asters begin to blossom. The colors are deep blue, white, pink, and deep rose. Finest mixed. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Mixed Asters**—Many varieties of different types; all colors. Per packet, 5 cents.

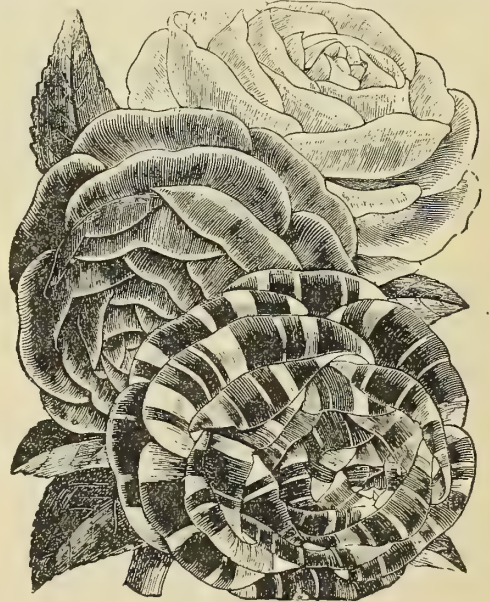
**BACHELOR'S BUTTON.**

(*Centaurea*.)

A perfectly hardy border plant, succeeding finely in any common garden soil, but the flowers are more brilliant if grown in gravelly ground. It is really a handsome flower, sporting into varieties of white, purple, pink, parti-colored, etc.; hardy annual; 2 to 3 feet.

**Centaurea Cyanus**—Single mixed. Per packet, 5 cents.

**New Double**—It has been so perfect that fully 80 per cent. of the flowers are double and semi-double; they are also increased in size and present many bright colors and distinct markings which have been hitherto unknown. Per pkt., 10c.

**BALSAM.**

(*Lady's Slipper, or Touch-Me-Not*.)

An old and favorite garden flower, producing its gorgeous masses of beautiful, brilliant-colored double flowers in the greatest profusion; of easy culture; succeeds in a good, rich soil; tender annuals; 2 feet.

**Double Pure White**—Well adapted for florists for bouquets; nearly every flower is perfectly double and pure white. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Double Pink**—Flowers very large, perfectly double, or a delicate pink color. Per packet, 10 cents each.

**Double Choice Mixed**—Per packet, 5 cents.



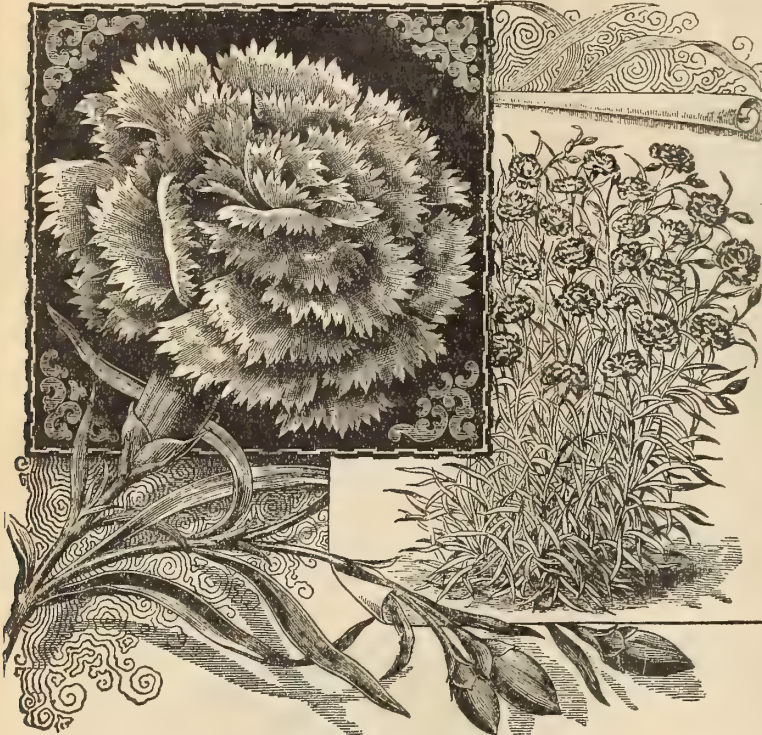
**BRACHYCOME—Swan River Daisy.**

Free-flowering, dwarf-growing plants, covered during the greater part of the Summer with a profusion of pretty Cineraria-like flowers; suitable for edgings and small beds or pot culture; half-hardy annual; six to eight inches.

**Brachycome Iberidifolia**—Mixed; light blue and white. Per packet, 5 cents.

**New Dwarf Double Carnation, MARGUERITE.**

The most brilliant floral novelty of recent times. This beautiful new race of Carnations has attracted the admiration of all who have grown it. Its rapid development, flowering as it does four months after sowing the seed, its profusion of bloom, variety of beautiful colors and delicious perfume will insure its popularity in all gardens where cut flowers are in demand. Per packet, 10 cents.



Marguerite Carnation.

**CALENDULA—Pot Marigold.**

**Calendula, Meteor**—The handsomest of the Calendulas, perfectly double and beautifully striped, the petals having a creamy center, edged with orange-yellow. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Calendula, Officinalis**—Pot Marigold. Mixed varieties. Per packet, 5 cents.

**CALLIOPSIS, or COREOPSIS.**

A very showy plant, producing flowers in nearly every shape of yellow, orange, crimson, red and brown; 2 feet high.

**Calliopsis**—Fine mixed. Per packet, 5 cents.

**CANNA.**

Highly ornamental plants, producing a rich effect by their large, broad and massive foliage, terminated by racemes of crimson, orange or scarlet flowers. Soak the seed 12 hours in hot water before planting; sow in sandy loam or peat, and place in a hot-bed; when up to the second leaf, pot off singly and keep under glass until the proper season for planting out.

**Crozy's Large-Flowering Dwarf French**—Finest mixed. Comprising all the newer and most beautiful varieties. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Choice Mixed**—Old varieties. Per packet, 5 cents.

**CANDYTUFT.**

Universally known and cultivated, and considered indispensable for cutting. All the varieties look best in beds or masses. Seed sown in Autumn produces flowers early in the Spring; when sown in April flower from July to September, and some of the sorts till frost comes. All the varieties are hardy and easy to cultivate. Single plants transplanted look well and bloom profusely. Hardy annuals, one foot high.

**Candytuft, Impress**—A complete mass of pure white flowers, in a pyramid of bloom. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Crimson**—Per packet, 5 cents.

**White Fragrant**—Per packet, 5 cents.

**Mixed Colors**—Per packet, 5 cents.

**CELOSIA, or COCKSCOMB.**

Free-blooming graceful plants, growing best in rather light soil, not too rich, producing spikes of beautiful, feathery and comb-shaped flowers; grown in pots, they are fine for the greenhouse or conservatory. The plumed varieties are fine for cutting and drying for Winter bouquets, which should be done when in full bloom and before they fade. Half-hardy annuals.

**Plumosa Superba**—A beautiful feathered variety; mixed colors; 3 feet. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Dwarf, Mixed**—Fine dwarf varieties of Cockscomb. Per packet, 5 cents.

**CHRYSANTHEMUMS.**

The plants grow 12 to 18 inches high, and produce, on long stems, very handsome large flowers, of many bright colors, and which have the appearance of being laid on with an artist's paint brush. The beautiful flowers are very attractive for bouquets and vases. We offer below all the varieties we know to come true from seed:

**Golden Feather**.—Beautiful, large, daisy-like flowers two to three inches in diameter; dark, velvety center, circled with bright glowing yellow, outer circle rich crimson; a superb variety. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Inodorum Plenissimum**—This variety should be in every garden; it flowers abundantly the first season from Spring sown seed, producing hundreds of perfectly pure snow-white flowers, which can be continually cut, and new blooms at once appear; remains in bloom all Summer; a most valuable variety. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Fine Mixed Annual Varieties**.—Embracing the above and other varieties. Per packet, 5 cents.

**PERENNIAL CHRYSANTHEMUMS.**

Perennial Chrysanthemums cross-fertilize with such wonderful variety that rarely two plants flower alike; all the colors, markings and shapes known in Chrysanthemums, and now and then an extremely valuable new variety may be expected. The great prize-winning sorts shown at the Chrysanthemum shows, of which single varieties have been sold for over \$500.00, were originally gotten from seed no better hybridized than this we now offer. This seed is saved from a superb collection of the latest novelties, the great incurved Japanese, the closely petaled Chinese, the graceful Anemones, the distinct

Pompons. It is not generally known that large, vigorous plants of Chrysanthemums for Autumn blooming can be raised from Spring-sown seed. The seed will germinate quickly, and the plants require only the culture given other flowers. Per packet, 15 cents.

**CONVOLVULUS MINOR.**

(Dwarf Morning Glory.)

Rich colored, handsome, dwarf trailing plants, producing in beds and mixed borders an unusually brilliant effect; hardy annuals; one foot.

**Convolvulus Tricolor, Mixed**—Per packet, 5 cents.

For Climbing Convolvulus, see Page 93.

**COMMELINA CÆLESTIS.**

Blue Day Flower.

Few, if any, flowers can equal this in lovely, sky-blue color. It grows easily and blooms freely from seed sown in the open ground, while the tuberous roots can be taken up and kept all Winter like Dahlia roots. It should be in every garden; height, eighteen inches. Per packet, 5 cents.

**CLEOME PUNGENS.**

This is a special favorite with the bees and the children, and every yard ought to boast a clump of these plants. Easy to grow as any weed, blooming from July until frost in any location, or in any season. Spikes of pretty flowers, deep rose turning lighter, with long spidery stamens standing out beyond the flowers, have given these flowers the suggestive name of "Spider Flowers." Fine for background, edges of shrubbery, or any place where tall plants are suitable, and sure to attract attention.

**Pungens**—Enormous heads of bloom, some of the flowers being deep crimson and others light pink, contrasting elegantly. Per packet, 5 cents.



**Cosmos.****COSMOS.**

Beautiful Autumn-blooming plants. The flowers are borne profusely in loose clusters on long stems; it is of the easiest culture, planted about a foot apart in rows or in masses in beds, it produces during September and October or later, until cut down by frost, thousands of beautiful flowers in pure white, pink and crimson shades, furnishing an abundance of cut blooms for Autumn decoration when other flowers are scarce.

**Cosmos Hybridus**—Pure white. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Cosmos Hybridus**—Mixed. Per packet, 5 cents.

**DAHLIA.**

We still find difficulty in convincing our customers that good Dahlias can be grown from seed, and that plants will bloom the first season from seed. Anyone who can raise a Zinnia or a Morning Glory from seed, can grow Dahlias from seed. They are remarkably easy to germinate, and from the very seed-leaf the plants are stocky and sturdy. Seed sown in the house in March or April, will produce flowering plants as soon as plants grown from tubers. Some of the finest, largest Dahlias, and the richest colors we have ever seen, were among seedlings. Give good soil, and never let the plants suffer for water, and our word for it, you will be more than satisfied. Start seed in house, and transplant to open ground after frost has gone.

**Double Large Flowering, Mixed**—Will produce some magnificent varieties. Per packet, 10 cents.

**New Single, Mixed Colors**—Flowers very large and of rainbow colors. Very graceful and exceedingly popular as cut flowers. Price, 10 cents per packet.

**Cactus Dahlia, Mixed Colors**—Double flowers of distinct and remarkable appearance, the petals being quilled and curved loosely and gracefully arranged in large double oval heads of bloom; the seed that we offer will produce many beautiful varieties, including several colors; worthy of extended cultivation. Per packet, 10 cents.

**DELPHINIUM—Annual Larkspur.**

A fine genus of free-flowering, beautiful plants. They are all hardy. Prevailing colors, blue, white and pink. The dwarf sorts make a most beautiful mass of flowers. A bed in bloom is almost equal to a bed of Hyacinths. Set five or six inches apart. The tall branching varieties grow two feet in height, and are fine for large bouquets. Plants should stand about eighteen inches apart. Fine mixed, per packet, 5 cents.

**DATURA.—Angel's Trumpet or Sweet Nightingale.**

Very showy, large branching plants, growing three to five feet high, bearing immense, trumpet-shaped flowers, six inches in length and very fragrant. They bloom freely from seed sown in the open ground the first season, but the roots can be taken up and kept over Winter the same as Dahlias. Mixed varieties, per packet, 5 cents.

**Cornucopia**—(Horn of Plenty.) Thick, brownish-purple, shining stems, spreading three or four feet in every direction, with dark-green, large leaves. The grand, trumpet-shaped flowers measure seven to nine inches in length and four to six inches across, and are formed of three distinct trumpet flowers growing each within the other; the mouth of the corolla is a delicate white, outside richly marbled with purple. Flowers freely produced for a long season, succeeded by large, thorny seed vessels, which add an unique beauty to the plant. Per packet, 10 cents.

**DIAMOND FLOWER.**

(*Ionopsidium Acaule*)—A lovely little annual form Portugal, quickly covering the ground with tufts of beautiful, moss-like foliage, from which the bright blossoms glisten like diamonds. White and lilac mixed. Per packet, 10 cents.

**DIANTHUS OR PINKS.**

The family of "Pinks" are unrivaled for brilliancy and rich variety of color; the plants are bushy, of symmetrical form—blooming so profusely as to almost uninterruptedly cover the plants until late in Autumn, rendering them one of the most beautiful and satisfactory of all annuals for summer flower gardens. Height, about one foot.

**Double Snowflake**—Pure white; large, double fringed flowers of perfect form. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Fireball**—Densely double flowers of large size and of marvellously rich and brilliant velvet red. Per packet, 10 cents.

**White Frill, or Mourning Cloak**—Double flowers of large size, of rich and unique colors; rich purple, maroon, almost velvet black, and sharply edged with clear white, making a strikingly beautiful contrast. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Double Striped and Fringed, Mixed Colors**—These are particularly grand. The immense flowers are very double, deeply fringed at the edges and of many exquisite colors, all of which are charmingly striped with some other color. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Crown of Perfection**—The flowers are immense, averaging six inches in circumference; are densely double, and are produced in perfect succession during the whole Summer and Autumn in such numbers as fairly to crowd each other for room. There is a wonderful diversity of colors, from purest satiny-white to red shades; deep and intensely brilliant; mixed colors. Per packet, 10 cents.

**"Midnight"**—Beautiful and very distinct. The whole plant, stems, branches and flower buds are black, and leaves dark green. The flowers are very double and wonderfully rich in coloring, almost black, the high lights glowing with a surface bloom of velvety claret maroon. Per packet, 10 cents.

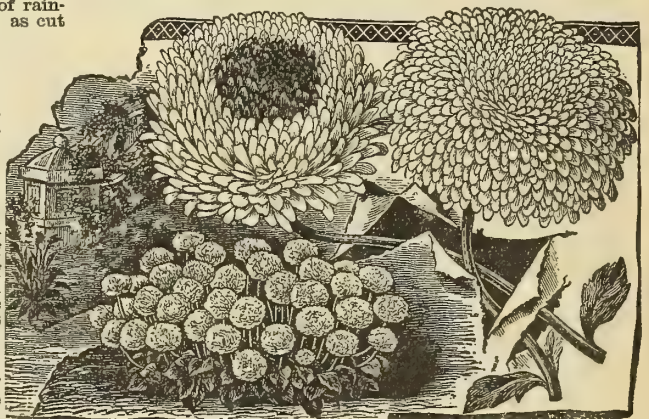
**Crimson Belle**—Very large, single, dark red flowers. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Eastern Queen**—Magnificent single flowers two to four inches across, splendidly striped and stained. Packet, 5 cents.

**Heddewigii, Finest Single, Mixed**—Magnificent flower two to three inches across. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Mixed**—Our own mixture, of the most beautiful double and single sorts, and of every desirable shade or peculiar marking. This mixed seed will give a bed of beautiful flowers, and scarcely two plants will be alike in bloom. They will bloom from early until late, and may be lifted in Autumn and potted for blooming in the house. Few garden flowers equal the Dianthus, and none are more generally satisfactory. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Dainthus, Plumarius, Clove Pink or Hardy Carnation**—The Dianthus Plumarius embraces nearly all the colors, are elegantly fringed and have delicious, clove fragrance. Every color known in Carnations is represented—white, crimson scarlet, maroon, yellow, striped, speckled, etc., being nearly all large and full double varieties; no flower is so valuable for Summer bouquets. All colors mixed. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Mixed Double Daisies.****BELLIS—Double Daisy.**

Beautiful double flowers that appear in early Spring if plants are slightly protected over Winter. Blossom also very early from Spring-sown seed, as plants bloom when but two or three inches high. If given a cool, moist, shady location, will bloom all Summer, even in the South. As pot plants they are charming and will bloom freely all Winter, as they delight in cold weather. In the open ground, cultivate exactly as you would Fancies, and next to the Fanny, it is the most charming little garden flower.

**Double, Mixed Colors**—White, crimson, rose and variegated; very double. Per packet, 10 cents.



**ESCHSCHOLTZIA—California Poppy.**

Very attractive plants for beds, edgings or masses; profuse flowering and fine cut foliage, in bloom from June till frost; hardy annuals; one foot.

Mixed—All colors. Per packet, 5 cents.

**EUPHORBIA—Snow on the Mountain.**

*Euphorbia Variegata*—Attractive foliage, with white and green bracts on the tip of each branch, veined and margined with white; two feet. Per packet, 5 cents.

*Heterophylla*—(Mexican Fire Plant, Painted Leaf)—A hardy annual resembling in habit and color the beautiful hot-house Poinsettia. The plants grow two to three feet high, of branching bush-like form, with smooth glossy leaves, which are at first entirely green, but about mid-Summer clusters of small white flowers appear on the end of each branch, surrounded by beautiful orange scarlet bracts, presenting a striking and brilliant combination of colors. Per packet, 10 cents.

**EVERLASTING FLOWERS.**

These odd flowers never fade, but if cut in bud and blossom and dried they will last and retain their rich and brilliant colors for many years. They should be cut when in full bloom, and dried slowly in the shade, with their heads hanging downward to keep the stems straight. If you never grew these, try a package this year and see what pretty ornaments they will make for the Winter days.

*Gypsophila*—(Elegans)—Everyone who is fond of bouquets ought to grow this. It produces long, fine, mist-like sprays of tiny white flowers that are one of the finest things in the world for all cut flower work, softening all hard outlines, toning down all glaring colors, and giving the finish to a bouquet that filmy lace does to a rich dress. Blooms soon after sowing seed. Per packet, 5 cents.

*Helichrysum*—One of the most useful of all everlastings. Plants grow two feet high, and are very hardy, blooming until late Autumn. An easy plant to grow, and flowers are very bright. The white and light colored varieties color easily, and are often dyed in shades not otherwise obtainable in everlastings, and used in wreaths, crosses and Winter bouquets. Flowers should be picked before fully expanded, especially for dyeing. Per packet, 5 cents.

*Monstrosum*—Mixed colors, very large. Per packet, 5 cts.  
**Mixed Everlastings**—A single packet will give in abundance a great variety of the most attractive Everlasting Flowers. No more welcome present can be given a visitor when looking through the flower garden than a bouquet of these imperishable flowers. Per packet, 10 cents.

**FUCHSIAS.**

**Fuchsias, Double and Single, Mixed**—It is not generally known that Fuchsias can be raised very easily from seed, and will flower freely the first year in the open ground, while the plants can be taken in the house in the Winter, where they will flower still more freely. We offer the very finest double and single Fuchsias, saved from splendid varieties. Per pkt., 25 cents.

**The Trailing Fuchsia**—(Procumbens)—This species makes one of the prettiest trailing plants imaginable. While the flowers are small, the vines are of graceful habit, with pretty leaves and bright red berries, which make a fine effect hanging over the side of a pot, basket or vase. The berries are about the size and shape of robins' eggs, of deep crimson red, ornamenting the plant for as long as six months at a time. Per packet, 15 cents.

**HYBRID FREESIAS.**

It is not generally known that these beautiful fragrant flowering plants may be grown to great perfection in six months from seed. Seed may be sown at any time during April, May or June, in pots, boxes or frames of light, rich soil and good drainage. They will soon germinate and can be kept in a growing state during Summer, plunged in a cool, shady location. In Fall they may be removed to a conservatory, pit or cold frames, and the pots brought inside for flowering as wanted. Under favorable circumstances they will bloom finely within six or seven months from the time of sowing the seed. There is no better way to secure a fine lot of these elegant, fragrant blossoms for next Winter than to sow a packet or two of seed this Spring. Per pkt., 10 cents.

**GERANIUMS.**

Easily raised from seed, which will frequently reward the cultivator with charming new varieties. Plants from seed started early will bloom the first Summer in the garden.

**Geranium, Double**—Extra fine mixed, saved from choicest named sorts. Per packet, 20 cents.

**Single Zonale**—Extra fine mixed, saved from our choicest named kinds. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Gold and Bronze Leaved**—Mixed. Per packet, 25 cents.

**Pelargonium**—("Lady Washington Geranium")—Grand plants for pot culture; colors are rich in the extreme and beautifully marked; the flowers, an inch or more across, are borne in immense clusters through Spring and Summer. Height, 1 to 2 feet. Finest mixed. Per packet, 25 cents.

**GODETIA—Satin Flower.**

A handsome flower, and particularly useful because it will grow in shady places where so few really fine flowers can be grown. They bloom a long time, and so profusely that the foliage is almost hidden by the many large, wide-open flowers, of shining satin texture, and of the most delicate and lovely colors. This flower grows more popular each year, and it well deserves the partiality shown it.

Mixed Colors—All shades. Per packet, 5 cents.

**GAILLARDIAS.**

Although long neglected, the Single Gaillardia, or Blanket Flower, has lately come into well-deserved popularity. Of magnificent size and wonderful profusion, the flowers are greatly admired for their fine forms and rich blending of colors; they thrive everywhere.

**Fine Mixed**—This mixture, although so cheap, is equal to any high-priced "hybrids." Per packet, 5 cents.

**Picta Lorenziana**—(New Double Gaillardia)—Large, gay-colored double flowers, produced abundantly and valuable for cutting. The colors embrace sulphur, golden-yellow, orange, amaranth and claret. Per packet, 5 cents.

**ORNAMENTAL GRASSES.**

The everlastings would be quite useless without their setting of soft, pretty grasses in winter bouquets. Grow a good quantity of these elegant grasses. There are many of them quite ornamental in the garden, and are all useful for cutting for Summer bouquets, as well as for drying for Winter, or for dyeing.

All the Best Sorts Mixed—Per packet, 5 cents.

**HUNNEMANNIA.**

This annual is not yet well known, but it is bound to become a general favorite in the near future. Its large, bright, tulip-like flowers are supported on long stalks above the foliage, making it exceedingly showy, and like all long-stemmed flowers, it works admirably into large bouquets, and has the added merit of remaining perfect many days before fading. The flowers are a rich, brilliant yellow, and profusely borne from July to October. Sow early in open ground. Per pkt., 10c.

**HELIANTHUS, or Sunflower.**

Although this class is already a common and popular one, it contains a number of handsome and useful varieties not generally known or cultivated. In addition to the Mammoth Russian Sunflower, which is planted for its seeds (excellent as a chicken feed), we offer the following list of choice sorts which make beautiful plants for lawns, along fences, etc. The foliage of some is very decorative, while the mammoth flowers of others elicit general admiration. Their easy culture, as well as showiness, should secure them a place in every garden.

**The Dahlia**—Produces numerous bright golden-yellow flowers, which are generally perfectly double. Per pkt., 5 cts.

**Glabosus Fistulosus**—Of enormous size, double. Per pkt., 5c.

**Mammoth Russian**—Very large. Per oz., 10c.; per pkt., 5c.

**Argyrophyllus**—(The Silver-Leaved Sunflower)—Grow five feet high, with large leaves, of a shining silver color; the single flowers are of quite large size. Per packet, 5 cents.

**HELIOTROPE.**

Everyone loves the delightful fragrance and beauty of the Heliotrope, but very few are aware of the fact that it can be raised from seed as easily as Verbenas. From seed sown in the open ground the plants will flower in August, while a fine display can be had earlier by starting the seed in the house and setting out plants when the weather is warm.

**Choice Mixed**—Of many varieties. Per packet, 10 cents.

**HIBISCUS—Marsh Mallows.**

Strong-growing plants, of very easy culture and exceedingly showy, the large cup-shaped flowers frequently measuring six inches across.

**Crimson Eye**—A robust grower, with dark red stems and foliage. The flowers 6 to 7 inches across, of purest white, with a large spot of deep velvety crimson in the center of each flower. A well-developed plant will produce several hundred flowers in a season. It will succeed anywhere and is perfectly hardy, blooming the first year from seed in the open ground. Per packet, 10 cents.

**ICE PLANT.**

Its leaves glisten like ice, and it is one of the most effective basket or vase plants that can be grown. Per packet, 5 cents.

**LOBELIA.**

Charming little plants for small beds, edgings, baskets, etc. Graceful and pretty, and colors exceedingly clear. A most charming pot plant for Winter culture, blooming in four weeks and making the prettiest little pots of flowers you can imagine.

**Crystal Palace**—Dark blue, best for bedding. Per pkt., 5c.

**Erecta Alba**—Fine white. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Fine Mixed**—A number of the choicest and best varieties are to be found in this mixture. Per packet, 5 cents.

**MIMULUS.**

Beautiful little plants, with the daintiest and prettiest flowers imaginable. Seeds fine, and need care in sowing. Great favorites with those who have once grown them. In exquisite coloring these flowers rival the Gloxinia.

**Mixed Sorts**—All colors (Monkey Flower). Per pkt., 5 cts.

**Moschatus**—(Musk Plant)—Well known for its fine musky fragrance. Per packet, 5 cents.

**MOLUCCA BALM, or Shell Flower.**

This interesting annual from Syria grows from two to three feet high, sending up a strong central stem with numerous branches, each of which is so completely surrounded by flowers as to leave scarcely any room for the leaves. The flower is very curious, unlike anything else; its large, shell-like calyx is green and delicately veined, containing within it the very small corolla, which is white, striped with purple. When cut or broken it emits a delightfully strong fragrance of balm. Per packet, 10 cents.



## MYOSOTIS.

The beautiful Forget-me-not is a synonym for faithfulness and undying affection. Beautiful for shady nooks and quiet beds, and exquisite for cutting and for wearing. Like the Pansy, there is something almost human in the expression of these modest little flowers, that look you frankly in the eye as though they had something to tell you. Though perennials, they bloom the first season. They are also fine for pot culture in a shady window where few plants will bloom.

**Rosea**—(Clivenden Pink.) A charming rose color. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Palustris**—Elegant blue flowers of large size. Packet, 5c.

**Alpestris**—Pure white. Per packet, 5 cents.

## MIGNONETTE.

Mignonette is the French word for "little darling." No more expressive term could well be found for the sweet homely flower, that by its merits alone has won its way as the favorite of all, though hundreds of showier flowers were its rivals. We pride ourselves on our choice strains of this favorite flower, and believe no finer seed can be procured anywhere. Sow early in the ground for summer blooming, and in pots at any time for the window.

**Sweet-Scented**—(Odorata.) The old variety with small spikes. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Large-Flowering Pyramidal**—Flowers large, of a reddish tint. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Gabrielle**—A very pretty sort, bearing large spikes of red flowers. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Golden Queen**—Golden yellow flowers of dense pyramidal growth. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Improved Victoria**—A charming new compact growing variety of dense pyramidal habit, growing about six inches high. The flowers are large and of a more brilliant red than in the old Victoria Mignonette. A most useful and desirable variety for pot culture, as well as for the garden. Packet, 10c.

**Mixed**—Including many varieties. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Giant White Spiral**—Botanically this is not really a Mignonette, but a species—*Reseda alba*. In some localities it is fragrant; it is quite showy in growth, with very long spikes of bloom. Per packet, 5 cents.



## FOUR O'CLOCK.

Or Marvel of Peru.

As easily grown as a weed, and yet it is one of the most brilliant and showy of the annuals. Planted in beds or masses, their compact growth and rich, glossy leaves, together with their profusion and diversity of bloom, present a gorgeous sight during the afternoon.

Marvel of Peru, Mixed—All colors. Per packet, 5 cents.

## MARIGOLD.

Pettied by our grandmothers, neglected by our mothers, now once more on the high wave of popularity. Bright, showy flowers, that only need the slightest care to do well and blossom freely.

**French, Mixed Colors**—Small double flowers, in rich, dark shades. Per packet, 5 cents.

**African, Mixed Colors**—Shades of yellow, very large, and double; tall grower. Per packet, 5 cents.

## NICOTIANA.—Tobacco Plant.

**Affinis**—The most ornamental of all flowering varieties of the Tobacco Plant. Produces a splendid pure white, Bouvardia-like flowers on long terminal tubes. When its large flowers are fully expanded in the evening and morning it has a most striking effect, and is so fragrant that a small bed will perfume the whole surrounding atmosphere. Taken up in the fall, cut back, and potted, it will bloom freely all winter. Very easily grown. Per packet, 10 cents.

## NIGELLA.—Love-in-a-Mist.

Very showy in foliage, flowers and seed-pots. The pretty flowers are surrounded by a delicate wreath of fine, mossy, green fibers.

**Damascena, Double Mixed**—With finely cut leaves and curious blue and white flowers. Per packet, 5 cents.

## GENOTHERA, Or Evening Primrose.

**Grandiflora Odorata**—Flower stems of this sort grow a foot or more in height, bearing brilliant yellow blossoms two to three inches across. Exceedingly sweet and beautiful. 10c.

**Acaulis**—Silvery white blossoms of enormous size, often as big as a Moonflower. Very fragrant and striking. Pk't, 5c.



Dwarf Nasturtiums.

## NASTURTIUMS.

## Tom Thumb or Bedding.

One of our showiest and most popular annuals, forming compact plants, not over one foot high, making gorgeous masses of color from early summer until killed by frost; succeeding under all weathers and conditions and unsurpassed for garden decoration.

**Aurora**—New, deep chrome yellow, the upper petals showing lighter reflexes, while the two lower petals are blotched and veined with purplish carmine.

**Empress of India**—A splendid new dwarf variety, with very dark leaves and crimson flowers.

**King Theodore**—Bluish green foliage, flowers velvety crimson; a fine bedder.

**King of Tom Thumbs**—Intense scarlet flowers, dark foliage; very handsome.

**Crystal Palace Gem**—Sulphur maroon spot.

**Ruby King**—Of peculiar blue-tinted red.

**Ladybird**—A new and distinct sort. The ground color is a rich golden-yellow, each petal barred with a broad vein of bright ruby crimson; very showy and charming.

**Golden King**—Brilliant yellow.

**Pearl**—Creamy white.

**Rose**—Very desirable.

**Many Mixed Varieties**—Mixed per oz., 15c.; one-fourth lb. 45c.

Price, per packet, of any of above, 5 cents.

(TALL NASTURTIUMS.—See Climbers.)

## PETUNIAS.

Few, if any, plants are more deservedly popular for bedding purposes, greenhouse or window culture; they produce showy flowers in profusion. Although perennial, they flower in a few weeks' time from the seed.

## Double Flowering Section.

**Double Fringed Grandiflora Fimbriata, fl. pl.**—This seed was saved from the finest collection, of fringe Petunias in Europe, and will produce a large proportion of charming double fringed flowers. Per packet, 35 cents.

**Double Striped and Blotched, Mixed**—Finest varieties. Sure to produce a good percentage of double-flowering plants. 20c.

## Single Petunias.

**Fine Mixed**—Per packet, 5 cents.

**Finest Striped and Blotched**—Per packet, 10 cents.

## Single Large Flowered Petunias.

**Hybrida Grandiflora**—Choicest mixed seed saved from showy flowers. Per packet, 15 cents.

**New Giant Flowered**—Most of the flowers exquisitely ruffled or fringed on the edges, and are of enormous dimensions, often five inches across, but their great merits lie in the innumerable varieties of colors, many of them intense. Some of the colors are rich as gorgeous, and others of lovely delicate shades. Per packet, 25 cents.

## PORTULACA. FLOWERING MOSS.

One of our finest hardy annual plants; the flowers are of the richest shades of color, and produced throughout the Summer in great profusion; fine for massing in beds, edgings, or rock-work.

**Single Mixed Colors**—Per packet, 5 cents.

**Double Mixed**—Flowers perfectly double, of the most brilliant scarlet, crimson, white, yellow, etc. Per packet, 10 cents



# PANSIES.

It is needless for us to say anything in praise of this lovely flower. Everybody knows, loves, and cultivates the Pansy. They give such a profusion of bright bloom during the Spring and Autumn months that they are a necessity to every garden. We have taken the greatest pains to procure our seed from prize strains only, and it is unsurpassed.

**Quadricolor, or Pheasant's Eye**—(Rainbow.) Upper petals sky-blue, edged with violet; the lower petals are mostly purple, sometimes on a white, sometimes on a yellow ground, marbled and spotted. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Prince Bismarck**—Beautiful shades of brown and golden-bronze marbled. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Snow Queen or Snowflake**—Flowers of a delicate pure satiny-white. Per packet, 5 cents.

**King of the Blacks or Faust**—Flowers intensely dark, almost coal-black. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Lord Beaconsfield**—Large flowers, of deep purple violet, shading off in the top petals to a white hue; highly effective. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Emperor William**—Flowers of a splendid ultra-marine blue, with a well-defined purple-violet eye. Per packet, 5cts.

**Delfcata**—Light porcelain-blue, with white center. Pkt. 5c.

**Deep Indigo Blue**—Per packet, 5 cents.

**Fire King**—Golden yellow, the upper petals purple, very showy. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Striped and Mottled Varieties**—Very fine and exceedingly beautiful. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Dark Purple**—Rich, deep color. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Silver-edged**—Dark purple, white border. Per packet, 5cts.

**Gold-margined**—Strikingly handsome. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Pure Yellow**—Large, golden flowers. Per packet, 5 cents.

**English "Face" Pansy**—Flowers light and dark-blue in color, each marked with a distinct "face." Per packet, 10cts.

**Large-flowering, very fine mixed**—Embracing all the separate colors of German Pansies. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Good Quality, mixed**—Fine for bedding; many rich colors. Per packet, 5 cents.

## GIANT SUPERB PANSIES.

This class has been selected with a view to large-sized flowers, of thick, velvety texture and most distinct colors, and, we think, have been brought as near perfection as any class of Pansies ever offered.

**Giant Odier**—A handsome variety, the blossoms being very large and perfect in form, with very dark, deep, velvety blotches, margined with an endless variety of colors. Extra large and fine, 15 cents.

**Giant Trimardeau**—This is, without doubt, the largest of all the Pansies. The blossoms are simply enormous, perfect in form, and run through all the various colors, from the lightest shade to the darkest purple. Per packet, 15 cents.

**Giant Yellow**—Golden yellow, with large black eye, flower of enormous size and remarkably showy. Per packet, 15 cts.

**Giant Cassiers**—This is one of the most remarkable strains of Pansies ever offered; the flowers are of immense size, often three inches and over in diameter, with the dark, deep, rich velvety blotches of the Odier type, bordered with endless varieties of colors. The seed we offer was saved from none but the most perfect flowers, and those of the most striking colors. Per packet, 15 cents.

**Peacock**—A striking variety; the form and substance of the flower is very perfect, the upper petals being of a beautiful ultra-marine blue, resembling in shade the peacock feather, while the lateral and lower petals are of a deep claret, with white margins. Per packet, 15 cents.

**Bugnot's Giant Blotched**—Flowers of enormous size, perfectly round, of great substance and of the most varied and attractive markings and colors; each petal bears a blotch that runs out in delicate veins to edge of petals. Packet, 15c.

**Giant Show**—An extra fine mixture of Giant flowered Pansies. In color it embraces all the shades known in the Odier, Cassiers, Bugnot, and Trimardeau sections. Those wishing a display of extra large showy Pansies can make no mistake in ordering Giant Show. Per packet, 15 cents.

## RICINUS.

(Castor Oil Bean.)

Stately strong-growing plants, with very ornamental foliage, particularly well adapted as center plants of groups of Cannas, Japanese Maize, Caladiums, Dahlias, etc. Height, 4 to 15 feet. Mixture, many sorts. Per packet, 10 cents.

# PHLOX.



Phlox Drummondii.

## PHLOX DRUMMONDI GRANDIFLORA.

Or large flowered section. These are decided improvements over the old class, with much larger flowers and of more compact growth.

**Grandiflora Splendens**—Vivid crimson with pure white eye; very bright. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Alba**—Pure white; very large. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Rosea**—Rose-colored; large white eye. Per packet, 10 cents.

**New Large Yellow**—In this we have at last a yellow Phlox of good size. It is of a warm glowing tone of rich straw yellow, with finely formed flowers of the very largest size. The clusters of bloom are magnificent. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Grandiflora**—Choice mixed, all colors. Per packet, 10 cents.

## PHLOXES, "Starred and Fringed."

These "Starred and Fringed Phloxes" are really entitled to rank as a new race, and the most striking novelties in Phloxes ever introduced. In the Fringed Flowers the petals are partly fimbriate and partly three-toothed, all distinctly bordered with white, which, together with the bright eye of the center, contrasts with the magnificent velvety colors, in more than twenty distinct shades. In the Starred Phloxes the pointed central teeth of the petals are five to six times as long as the lateral ones and project beyond them like little spines, giving the flowers a distinctly marked, regular, star-like form, the beauty of which is enhanced by the broad white margins bordering the edge of the petals. Per packet, 10cts.

## PHLOX DRUMMONDI.

For a splendid mass of colors and a constant display, this is not excelled by any other annual. The Phlox range from purest white to blood red or crimson. Choicest mixed, per packet, 5 cents.

## SALVIA.

The Salvia is now a standard bedding plant, and well does it deserve its honor. It stands heat and drought remarkably well, and its colors are very showy and intense.

**Splendens**—Large, scarlet; exceedingly showy and useful for cutting and for ornamental beds. Per packet, 10 cents.

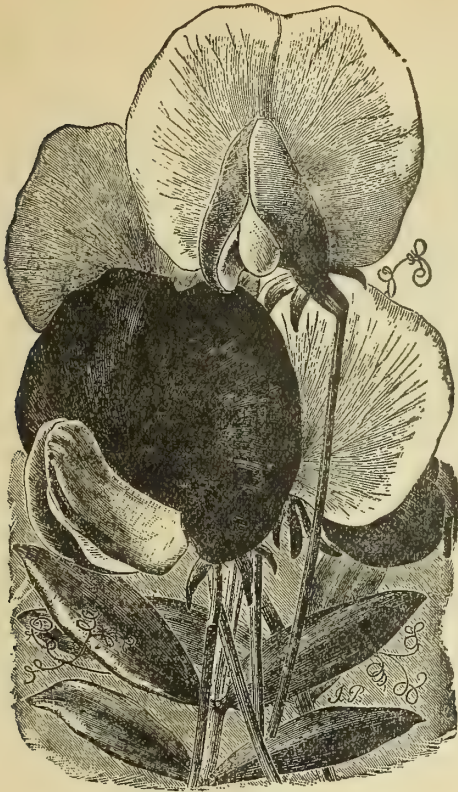
## SALPIGLOSSIS.

Large, lovely, funnel-shaped blossoms of velvety texture, and with deeply sunken veins, penciled and shaded with the richest tracings on a groundwork of the most pleasing colors. It stands the sun well, and some of the showiest beds we have ever seen have been of this beautiful and easily grown annual. Mixed colors, many beautiful shades. Per packet, 5 cents.

## STEVIA SERRATA.

A tender perennial, in great favor for cutting purposes; large heads of small white flowers of very graceful effect; suitable for pot culture, flowering in winter, or, if sown early, will bloom in the garden the first summer, 1½ feet. Per packet, 10 cents.





## Sweet Peas.

The sudden popularity which this real old-fashioned flower has recently acquired is wonderful, but still not strange after all, for what is there that was ever grown more graceful in form and bearing, or more delicate in coloring, to say nothing of its rare perfume. As to the much-discussed question of cultivation, let us suggest three things: Plant early, plant deep, and give them lots of water.

- Adonis**—Carmine rose. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 15 cts.  
**Apple Blossom**—Standard; bright pink rose; wings blush. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents.  
**Boreatton**—Standard; rich, shiny, bronzy crimson; wings beautiful crimson purple, shaded with rose. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents.  
**Butterfly**—White, laced with lavender blue. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents.  
**Cardinal**—A grand scarlet; wings crimson scarlet; fine large flower. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents.  
**Countess of Radnor**—Lavender and mauve, very delicate. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents.  
**Duchess of Edinburgh**—Light scarlet, flushed crimson; splashed at the edge with white. Per packet, 5c.; ounce, 20c.  
**Fairy Queen**—Milky white, tinted pink; very delicate. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 25 cents.  
**Grand Blue**—Wings bright blue-tinted mauve; deep rich purple, touched with rose. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 25c.  
**Isa Eckford**—Flowers very large; rosy pink, shaded with carmine. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents.  
**Invincible Carmine**—Glowing carmine. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents.  
**Invincible Scarlet**—Bright scarlet, crimson. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents.  
**Indigo King**—Rich Indigo blue. Per pkt., 5c.; ounce, 15c.  
**Lottie Eckford**—Large creamy-white flowers, distinctly edged with blue. Packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents.  
**Monarch**—Splendid large flowers; standards; bronzy crimson; wings rich deep blue. Per pkt., 5 cents; ounce, 15c.  
**Mrs. Sankey**—Fine large flower; pure white; very free bloomer. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 25 cents.  
**Miss Blanche Ferry**—Large pink and white flowers of perfect form. Its dwarf branching habit and early flowering make it extremely desirable for both out and indoor planting. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents.  
**Orange Prince**—One of the most distinct; standard; pink and orange, flushed with scarlet; wings bright rose, veined with pink. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 20 cents.  
**Princess Beatrice**—Rose colored. Per pkt., 5c.; ounce, 20c.  
**Painted Lady**—Rose and white. Per pkt., 5c.; ounce, 15c.  
**Princess of Wales**—Shaded and striped mauve on white ground. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents.

- Primrose**—Pale primrose yellow; novel and distinct. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 25 cents.  
**Queen of England**—Flowers extra large size; pure white. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents.  
**Queen of the Isles**—Scarlet, mottled with white and purple. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents.  
**Splendor**—Rich, bright pinkish rose, shaded with crimson. A very distinct and superb variety. Per pkt., 5c.; ounce, 15c.  
**Vesuvius**—Rose shading into purple. Pkt. 5c.; ounce, 15c.  
**Flixed**—All colors. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 25 cents; pound, 75 cents.

### ECKFORD'S NEW SWEET PEAS.

(Finest mixed.) Beside the varieties in the above list of Mr. Eckford's raising, this mixture also includes seed of several others of Eckford's new varieties, giving many new and beautiful varieties which heretofore have been too rare to include in mixture. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 15 cents; 2 ounces, 25 cents; one-fourth pound, 40 cents; pound, \$1.50.

## POPPIES.

A great advance has been made in recent years in the development of the Poppy, which has brought it into deserved popularity, and it may be safely said that no other flower produces a more brilliant display of color during the blooming period.

### DOUBLE ANNUAL POPPIES.

- Poppy American Flag**—Beautiful new variety; flowers very large and double, snow white, bordered with scarlet. Per packet, 10 cents.  
**Fairy Blush**—Very double flowers, of a pure white color, elegantly fringed and tipped with rose. Per packet, 10 cents.  
**White Swan**—A splendid new variety with immense double flowers beautifully fringed and of purest white. Per packet, 10 cents.  
**"Hikado"**—(The Striped Japanese Poppy.)—This beautiful Poppy is very distinct in character and color from other forms. The flowers are brilliant scarlet and white, with elegantly curved petals, like a Japanese Chrysanthemum, the fringed edges being of a beautiful crimson scarlet. Per packet, 10 cents.

Mixture of Double Poppies—Per packet, 5 cents.

### SINGLE ANNUAL POPPIES.

- Poppy Danebrog**—A very desirable and showy variety producing large single flowers of a brilliant scarlet, with a large silvery-white spot on each petal, thus forming a white cross. Per packet, 5 cents.  
**Shirley Poppies**—They are similar in every way to the Wild Scarlet Field Poppy of England and the Continent, but the range of color is so varied that scarcely two will be found alike. Per packet, 10 cents.

Mixture of Single Poppies. Per packet, 5 cents.

### NUDICAULE OR ICELAND POPPIES.

Perennials, but bloom first year. Very handsome and graceful, and particularly desirable because they furnish us with a color hitherto lacking in these flowers. The yellow and orange shades are particularly fine, and the white is very pure. Per packet, 10 cents.

### SCABIOSA—New Large Flowering.

(Mourning Bride.)

Very useful and ornamental plants with rich and beautifully colored flowers; equally effective for beds or borders; excellent for cutting. The flowers are extremely large, averaging three inches across, and very double; one of the finest hardy annuals and valuable for bouquets. Finest mixed. Per packet, 5 cents.

### SCIZANTHUS.

(Butterfly Flower.)

A splendid class of plants, combining elegance of growth with a profusion of rich and various colored flowers, fine for greenhouse decoration and the flower garden; of easy culture; half-hardy annual. Schizanthus, mixed. Per packet, 5 cents.

### TEN-WEEKS STOCKS.

- Dwarf German**—Mixed colors. An extra fine strain of large flowered stocks. Per Packet, 10 cents.  
**New Largest Flowering Globe Pyramidal**—One of the finest of all. Immense spikes of grand flowers, in almost rainbow colors. Per packet, 15 cents.  
**Snowflake**—A superb variety. Flowers as perfect as though cut out of wax. Much grown as a pot flower for cool rooms. Per packet, 15 cents.  
**Victoria Blood Red**—A fine companion to the Snowflake, and grand for cutting. Deep and rich in color, and very fragrant. Per packet, 10 cents.  
**Celestial Blue**—A beautiful color, and contrasts admirably with the two sorts above. Per packet, 10 cents.

Birmingham, Ala., September 10, 1895.

The Geo. H. Mellen Co., Springfield, O.

Sirs:—The little order I gave you last spring has given me much pleasure. They have grown as if by magic. The Chrysanthemums are perfectly grand, they are now nearly five feet high. I know the blooms will be immense. I am yours with sentiments of regard.

Mrs. L. D. S.



**VERBENAS.**

Like the Pansy, the Aster and the Petunia, the Verbena is a favorite with everybody, and one of the most universal popular of all flowers, both for the garden and for pot culture. For constant and profuse flowering, and for brilliancy and beauty of colors, it has few equals. Start seed early, under glass if possible, that good strong plants may be had for transplanting to the garden. They will commence blooming in June and continue until after severe frosts, and during this entire time nothing in the garden will attract more attention than the bed or clump of Verbenas.

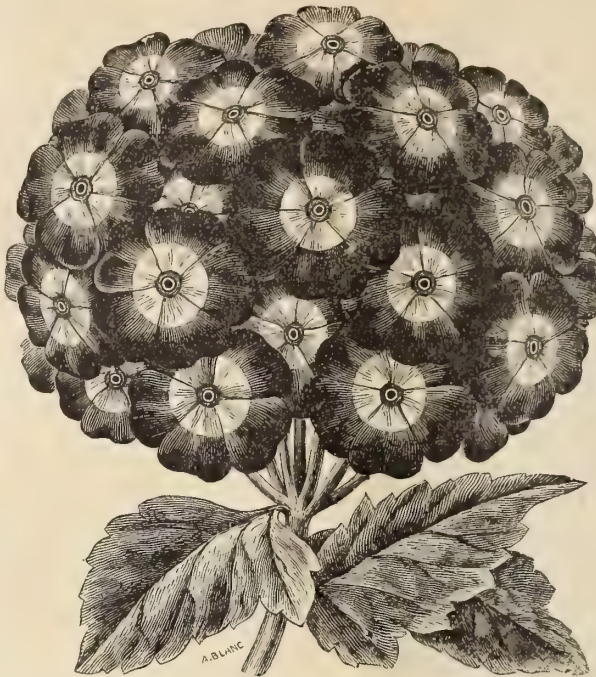
**Hybrida, Mixed**—The seed, although so cheap, is really quite good and embraces all colors. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Scarlet Defiance**—True, brightest scarlet, intensely rich. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Pure White Sea Foam, or Candidissima**—A fine strain of large flowering, pure white hybrid Verbena. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Blue, with White Eye**—Large blue flowers, each with large, white eye; very showy. Per packet, 15 cents.

**Superfine Mixture**—For some years past we have steadily advised our friends and customers to grow their Verbenas from fresh seed each season. This is a matter of the greatest importance, as plants raised from cuttings seem more subject to disease and rust than ever, while plants raised from our Superfine Mixed Seed, sown in March, are a mass of healthy flowers and foliage, almost as dense as Sweet Alyssum Little Gem, and nearly as fragrant. Price of Verbena Superfine Mixed Colors, per packet, 15 cents.



Type of Verbena.

**ZINNIA.**

No flowers are more easily grown than this, so much so that in speaking of any readily grown plant it is common to say, "as easily grown as a Zinnia." Seed sown in the open ground in the late spring, will soon produce large plants that will bloom continuously throughout the whole summer and autumn.

**Double Flixed**—Choice mixture of large double flowers in all colors. Per pkt. 5 cents.

**Giant Mammoth**—Of stronger growth than the preceding, and producing flowers that are simply immense, perfectly double, and of rich and striking colors. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Double Lilliput**—This is a new, extra fine strain of dwarf Zinnias, forming compact little bushes bearing very small pompon-shaped flowers of the brightest colors, and perfectly double, which cover the plant the entire season, so closely that each one looks like a bouquet. Per packet, 10 cents.

**WILD-GARDEN MIXTURE.**

This is a mixture of a great many varieties of such easily grown plants as are suitable for forming a wild flower garden. A great deal of pleasure may be gotten from a package of this seed, sown in a seed bed and transplanted or sprinkled broadcast over a good sized bed. When the plants are well started, thin them out if necessary, and you will be rewarded each day by the sight of new faces.

A few packages of this seed, scattered by woodland walks, roadsides, fences, or in any out of the way places, will prove a source of surprise to many as well as yourself. Per packet, 5 cents.

**SEEDS FOR THE GREENHOUSE, ALSO FOR THE HOUSE.**

Under this head will be found seeds of plants that are especially adapted to house culture, and while it requires careful treatment to grow them successfully, it is interesting to watch the development of these rare and beautiful varieties. We have selected the strains of seeds offered, with great care.

**GIGANTIC TUBEROUS BEGONIAS.**

The fascinatingly clear colors range from ivory white and flaming scarlet through shades of bright bronzy-yellow, light and dark crimson, orange, pink, ruby-red and Rose.

**Gigantic Tuberous-rooted Begonias, Single, mixed**—This selection was carefully hybridized and is unsurpassed. We recommend the single varieties as the best for general purposes. Per pkt. 25 cents.

**Double Tuberous-rooted Begonia**—Mixed, carefully hybridized. Per pkt. 35 cents.

**REX BEGONIA.**

The leaves are very large, measuring from eight to ten inches in length, wonderfully handsome in colors and varied in markings. A packet of seed will give so wide a range of colors that no two plants can be found alike. Per pkt. 20 cts.

**CARNATIONS.**

Magnificent flowers, large, perfect in form, and delightfully fragrant. Seed sown in May or June will bloom splendidly the following season. A succession of young plants should be had every year, as old plants are injured by the winter, while young ones are perfectly hardy.

**Carnation German Extra, Double Mixed**—Seeds from named flowers; very choice. Per pkt. 20 cents.

**CALCEOLARIA.**

Gorgeous plants for greenhouse and window decoration; the large, pocket-shaped flowers are borne in the greatest profusion through spring and summer; colors, yellow, maroon, crimson, etc.; spotted and blotched in the most unique fashion. 1½ feet. Large flowering varieties, mixed. Per pkt, 20 cents.

**CYCLAMEN PERSICUM.**

Most charming bulbous-rooted plants, with beautiful foliage, variegated in different shades of green, and richly-colored orchid-like flowers. They are universal favorites as pot plants for winter and spring blooming. If the seed is sown early, in sandy loam, they make flowering bulbs in one season. After flowering the bulbs should be allowed to rest in a dry state over summer.

**Persicum**—Splendid mixed, all colors. Per packet, 15 cents. **Gigantum**—Mixed, beautifully mottled leaves and very large flowers of rich colors. Per packet, 25 cents.

**CINERARIA.**

A wonderfully beautiful greenhouse plant, and not at all hard to grow. Seeds germinate quickly and easily, and young plants grow off without any trouble. Keep in a shady place over summer and remove to house in fall. Nothing could be more effective in the window. Dwarf Hybrid, large flowering, mixed colors. Per packet, 25 cents.

**SUNSET STRAIN OF LARGE-LEAVED COLEUS.**

This new strain is really superb, embracing varieties of extraordinary merit, all with richly-colored leaves of large size. The foliage is beautifully laciniated, of intensely brilliant colors, variegated in every conceivable manner, and nearly every plant is entirely different from the other, altogether a wonderful variety. They are very easily raised from seed, and one packet will produce an almost endless variety, which will make a gorgeous display throughout the entire summer. Per packet, 20 cents.

**FERNS.**

These ornamental plants are very desirable for Wardian cases or ferneries; thriving in a peaty, sandy soil, and moist, shady positions in the garden during the summer. Sow in the spring in shallow boxes, barely covering the seed with soil; keep moist with a covering of fine moss, and in a temperature of 60 degrees. Choice, mixed. From a fine collection. Per packet, 15 cents.

**GLOXINIA.**

Most charming greenhouse plants, of dwarf habit. Their flowers are produced in greatest profusion, and of the most exquisite and gorgeous colors, mottled and blended. Large flowering, choice mixed. Per packet, 25 cents.

**LANTANA.**

Fine mixed, rapid growing constant blooming perennial plants for pot culture in the winter or garden decoration in the summer; clusters of orange, white, pink, etc. Per packet, 10 cents.

**LEMON VERBENA.**

The delightfully fragrant foliage of this favorite plant makes it very desirable for cutting; it is easily grown from seed. Per packet, 10 cents.

**CHINESE PRIMROSES.**

(PRIMULA SINENSIS.)

Our seed is saved from the choicest strains, and can be relied upon to produce the largest flowers and finest colors. **Primula Alba Magnifica**—Flowers borne in large trusses well above the foliage, are pure white, with large, bright yellow eye. Per packet, 25 cents.

**Crimson velvet**—New, very rich color. Per pkt., 25 cents. **Rose florn**—The large, finely-fringed flowers, produced in great profusion, are of a distinct and beautiful carmine-rose. Per packet, 25 cents.

**Fimbriata**—Extra fine; large flowering; mixed. Per packet, 15 cents.



# ORNAMENTAL CLIMBING VINES.

## AMPELOPSIS VEITCHI.

(Miniature Virginia Creeper, or Japanese Ivy.)

A hardy perennial species of Woodbine from Japan, with olive-green leaves, which turn to scarlet in the Autumn. Will adhere to brick or stone walls. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Adlumia Cirrhosa**—("Mountain Fringe" or "Allegheny Vine")—Charming climber; feathery foliage, rose colored flowers; 15 feet. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Aristolochia Siphon**—("Dutchman's Pipe Vine")—Rapid, luxuriant hardy climber; large leaves, making dense shade; flowers yellow and brown, mottled and curiously shaped; 30 feet. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Balloon Vine**—Rapid-growing, handsome Summer climber; small white flowers, followed by inflated seed vessels, shaped like small balloons; 10 to 15 feet. Per packet 5 cents.

## CENTROSEMA.

**Grandiflora**—(The Butterfly Pea.) A hardy perennial vine of exquisite beauty; the plants grow 7 to 8 feet in a season, and the first season from seed will produce graceful clusters of 6 to 8 inverted pea-shaped flowers,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches across, ranging in color from rosy violet to reddish purple, feathered with white through the center; the backs of the flowers are pure white, and also the buds, making a strikingly beautiful contrast. Per packet, 10 cents.

## COBÆA.

A fine, rapid growing climber, with handsome foliage and large, bell-shaped flowers, green at first, but rapidly changing to a beautiful deep violet blue. One of the best climbers for covering arbors, etc.; purple. Per packet, 10 cents.

## CONVOLVULUS MAJOR—Morning Glory.

The well-known Morning Glories. Splendid climbing plants. Nothing can equal them for rapidity of growth and profusion of bloom.

Choice Mixed—Per packet, 5 cents.

## CYPRESS VINE—Ipomœa Quamoclit.

A beautiful climber, with delicate, dark-green, feathery foliage and abundance of bright, star-shaped rose, scarlet and white blossoms, which present a mass of beauty.

Mixed—Per packet, 5 cents.

**Canary Bird Vine**—A rapid growing Summer climbing annual, growing 10 to 15 feet high. It will cover trellis work in the most graceful manner, producing hundreds of its pretty fringed bright yellow flowers, which resemble a canary bird with expanded wings. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Cucumber, Wild**—A rampant climber, fine for shade. Per packet, 5 cents.

## HOP.

**Variegated Japanese**—The leaves are beautifully and distinctly marked with silvery-white, yellowish-white, and light and dark-green. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Kenilworth Ivy**—Hardy little climber, clings to the walls, etc., and a valuable training plant for hanging baskets, vases, etc.; 3 to 6 feet. Per packet, 10 cents.

## GOURDS.

Well known climbers with the most fantastic and grotesque fruits imaginable.

Mixed Sorts—All sizes, shapes and colors. Packet, 5 cents.

## IPOMœA.

Closely allied to the Morning Glories, but larger, and the colors, if possible, more beautiful. Rapid growers, mostly with handsome foliage, and exceeding lovely flowers.

Mixed Colors—Very fine; all colors. Per packet, 5 cents.

**"Heavenly Blue"**—Flowers 4 to 5 inches across, in large clusters, of light blue with a yellow throat. Packet, 15 cents.

**The Moonflower, White-Seeded**—(Ipomœa Grandiflora). No one who has a trellis or arbor to cover should neglect to plant the Moonflower—the most rapid-growing of all annual climbing vines; vines literally covered with thousands of immense, pure white fragrant flowers, opening in the evening. Pkt, 10c.

**The Brazilian Morning Glory**—(Ipomœa Setosa). Magnificent Summer climbing annual; grows with the greatest vigor and luxuriance; leaves 8 to 10 inches across, overlapping each other and making a dense shade. The flowers are of a beautiful rose color, and are borne in large clusters. Packet, 10 cts.

## MAURANDYA.

Beautiful vine for hanging baskets, with dainty white, maroon, rose-colored blossoms.

Mixed Colors—White, pink, purple, etc. Per packet, 5 cents.

## MORMODICA BALSAMINA—Balsam Apple.

A very beautiful climbing plant with handsome, apple-shaped fruits. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Charantia**—(Balsam Pear). Rapid-growing climber; very beautiful fruits, of a rich golden-yellow color, which, when ripe, open, disclosing the seeds encased in a carmine covering; fruits preserved in alcohol, make useful liniment. Pkt. 5 cts.

## Tall Nasturtium, or Climbing Varieties.

Beautiful profuse flowering climbers of easiest culture, bearing their gorgeous flowers in profusion until killed by frost. Hardy annuals; 6 to 10 feet.

Mixed—All colors. Packet, 5c.; oz. 20c.; one-fourth lb. 50c.

## LOBB'S CLIMBING NASTURTIUMS.

Leaves and flowers are smaller than the ordinary Tall Nasturtium, but their greater profusion renders them superior for trellises, arbors, for hanging vases, rock work, etc.; the flowers are of unusual brilliancy and richness. Mixed, per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 25 cents.

## PHYSIANTHUS ALBENS.

("Cruel Plant.") Rapid-growing perennial climber (but usually grown as an annual, with pure white, fragrant flowers, which entrap insects. Packet, 10 cents.

## SMILAX.

Charming tender perennial climber for greenhouse or window gardens; foliage and stems are of a pleasing light green, very graceful; excellent for decoration. Pkt. 10 cents.

# HARDY PERENNIALS.

In the following list will be found Biennials and Perennials that do not bloom until the second season. As will be seen they include many of our oldest and most popular flowers. The seed can be sown in the Spring with the Annuals, or in the early Autumn; in the latter case the beds should be shaded and watered until the plants appear.

## AQUILEGA, or COLUMBINE.

**Prize Mixture**—Embraces more than 100 varieties, double and single, and of all shapes and colors. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Aster, New Hardy**—("Dwarf Pyramid.") Single flowering hardy Asters; favorites for permanent garden establishment; compact pyramidal bush; flowers white, rose, lilac, clear blue, deep blue, etc. Per packet, 15 cents.

## HARDY ALYSSUM.

Dwarf spreading plants about a foot high; showy for permanent borders and beds; Spring-blooming, dwarf, golden-yellow. Per packet, 5 cents.

## CAMPANULA—Canterbury Bells.

Beautiful plants for house or border culture. Large bell-shaped flowers, cheerful and attractive; sow seed early in open ground, cover lightly, and thin plant to stand 12 in. apart.

Mixed Colors—A fine strain. Per packet, 5 cents.

## CANDYTUFT—Iberis.

Extra fine for cemetery use, as plants are a solid mass of white at just the time when flowers are most scarce, and as the plants are perfectly hardy they need no fussing with. Those who have never grown the Iberis have missed a treat.

**Sempervirens**—Large flowering, pure white. Packet, 5 cts.

## DELPHINIUM—Larkspur.

Tall, stately growing, with immense spikes of most brilliant flowers in all shades of lavender, mauve, pale, medium and deep, dark blues. Sow seeds in Autumn or very early in Spring, plants will bloom the first Summer; hardy; half shade.

Mixed Colors—All sorts. Per packet, 10 cents.

## DIGITALIS or FOXGLOVE.

Hardy perennial plants of the easiest culture; long spikes of large showy flowers ranging through shades of purple, white, rose, yellow; some beautifully spotted; 3 to 5 ft. high.

Mixed Colors—Per packet, 5 cents.

## HOLLYHOCK.

Mixed Double—Per packet, 10 cents.

Double White—Pure and true. Per packet, 10 cents.

Double Red—Fine bright color. Per packet, 10 cents.

Double Lemon—Pure, bright lemon color. Packet, 10 cents.

Double Pink—Very delicate and pretty. Packet, 10 cents.

## HONEYSUCKLE.

Everyone knows the Honeysuckle with its delicious fragrance, but every one does not know that it is easily grown from seed blooming the second season with ordinary care.

Mixed Sorts—Per packet, 10 cents.

## PERENNIAL PEA.

No praise can be too high for this lovely iron-clad vine, that blooms continually from early Summer until late Autumn, minding neither heat nor cold, rain nor drouth.

Mixed—All colors. Per packet, 5 cents.

Pure White—Superb. Per packet, 10 cents.

## PHLOX PERENNIAL.

Readily grown from seed; best sown in Fall; plants grow in clumps, gorgeous with brilliant heads of bloom; hardy.

**Finest Varieties Mixed**—Saved from our own collection, embracing the newest and best kinds. Per packet, 10 cents.

## SWEET WILLIAM.

**Single Mixed**—A splendid strain; flowers of many bright colors, large size and varied markings, including the finest anticula-eyed varieties. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Double Mixed**—Choicest seeds, producing fine double flowers which, however, to our fancy are not so beautiful as the single. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Violet**—A favorite hardy little plant. Mixed, per pkt. 10c.

**Wallflower**—Fine German, double mixed. Per packet, 10c.

**Choice Single**—Mixed. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Yucca**—"Adam's Needle" or "Spanish Bayonet." Pkt. 10c.



# VEGETABLE SEEDS.

A Trial Order will convince you of the great superiority of our Seeds.

Club Rates for Seeds in Packets only.

No Club Rates on Seeds by Weight or Measure.

Do not get your Flower and Vegetable Seed Premiums Confused.

The Following Offers are by Mail, Postage Paid, to any Part of the United States.

FOR A REMITTANCE OF \$1.00, YOU MAY SELECT VEGETABLE SEEDS IN PACKETS VALUED AT \$1.50.  
 FOR A REMITTANCE OF \$2.00, YOU MAY SELECT VEGETABLE SEEDS IN PACKETS VALUED AT \$3.00.  
 FOR A REMITTANCE OF \$3.00, YOU MAY SELECT VEGETABLE SEEDS IN PACKETS VALUED AT \$4.50.  
 FOR A REMITTANCE OF \$4.00, YOU MAY SELECT VEGETABLE SEEDS IN PACKETS VALUED AT \$6.00.  
 FOR A REMITTANCE OF \$5.00, YOU MAY SELECT VEGETABLE SEEDS IN PACKETS VALUED AT \$7.50.

Individual orders for any of the preceding amounts will be entitled to the same premium as club orders.

## ASPARAGUS.

**Colossal**—Now the standard variety. The shoots are of the largest size, very productive, and of the best quality. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; pound, 50 cents.

**Palmetto**—A new introduction, superior to the Colossal in being more productive, more even and regular in growth, and in condition a week or two earlier, while it is its equal in quality. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; pound, 75 cents.

## BEANS.

If to go at buyers' expense, 15 cents per quart may be deducted.

### DWARF VARIETIES.

**Extra Early Red Speckled Valentine**—Very early; productive, tender and of rich flavor; one of the best snap shorts. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents.

**Burpee's Stringless Green Pod**—The only stringless green pod Bean in cultivation. Consequently it surpasses all others in crisp, tender flavor. The pods are absolutely stringless and of a beautiful fleshy appearance. Per packet, 10 cents.

**Early Mohawk**—A very hardy, productive, and early String Bean. It will endure a slight frost. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents.

**Improved Tree Bean**—A valuable sort for field culture; the most prolific variety known. Packet, 10 cents; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents.

**Burpee's Bush Lima**—A true bush form of the large white Lima. Very productive. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 35 cents; quart, 65 cents.

**Henderson's Bush Lima**—Extremely early, being fit to use from two to three weeks earlier than any other variety of the climbing or bush Limas. Continues to bear until cut down by frost in the Fall. Packet, 10 cents; pint, 25 cents; quart, 45 cents.

**Saddle-Back**—This distinct new Bean produces saddle-back pods as thick through as they are broad, full of meat, and absolutely stringless. It is the best in quality of all wax Beans. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 25 cents.

**Kidney Wax**—This new Wax Bean is claimed to be the most productive of all. It is also very early and the pods are extra large and very handsome, both in color and form, tender and fine. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 25 cents, quart, 45 cents.

**Golden Wax**—Earlier than the ordinary Wax. Pods are large, long, brittle, stringless, of a rich golden wax color. Our stock is perfectly free from runners. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 25 cents; quart, 40 cents.

## POLE OR RUNNING BEANS.

**Large White Lima**—Large greenish white beans, of finest flavor, shelled green, and also good dried for Winter use; being very tender, it should not be planted until the ground is warm. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 25 cents; quart, 45 cents.

**Horticultural Lima**—Its extreme earliness and hardness will permit of its being planted far north of where any true Lima Bean can be grown, while its prolificness and quality of the green shelled beans, make it a desirable addition to any garden north or south. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 30 cents; quart, 50 cents.

**Creaseback or Fat Horse Bean**—Earliest Pole Bean in cultivation; exceedingly productive and of fine quality. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 25 cents; quart, 45 cents.

**Lazy Wife**—The pods, of medium, dark-green color, are produced in great abundance, and measure from four and a half to six inches in length; they are broad, thick, very fleshy and entirely stringless. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 30 cents; quart, 50 cents.

## BEETS—FINE TABLE VARIETIES.

**Edmand Blood Turnip**—A market-gardener's strain of great regularity in shape; deep blood skin, and very dark flesh of best quality. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents.

**Eclipse**—Very early; round-rooted and dark red. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents.

**Extra Early Egyptian**—Very early, and of dark blood color, rather flat in shape. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents.

**Long Smooth Blood Red**—The Beets are long and smooth, the flesh is a deep blood red, very sweet and tender. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 20 cents; per pound, 50 cents.

## MANGEL WURZEL BEETS.

These giant Beets are grown mainly for stock feeding and they produce enormous crops. The two following sorts are the best:

**Mammoth Long Red**—For stock. This grows to weigh 20 to 30 pounds, and is calculated to produce upwards of 50,000 pounds of roots to the acre. Animals are very fond of it, and the roots are very nutritious. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; pound, 50 cents.

**Golden Tankard**—A new golden-yellow sort, very sweet and tender. Large oval roots, much easier to pull than the long mangels. A heavy cropper. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; pound, 50 cents.

## CUCUMBERS.

**Early Cluster**—Vines vigorous, producing the bulk of the crop near the root, and in clusters. Fruit short, holding full size to each end. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 20 cents; pound, 60 cents.

**Arlington White Spine**—A remarkably fine strain, growing very even in size and regular in form. This variety is used extensively by Southern truckers. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 20 cents; pound, 60 cents.

**New Everbearing Cucumber**—It is of small size, very early, enormously productive, and valuable as a green pickler. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents; one-fourth pound, 40 cents.

**Early Green Prolific, or Boston Pickling**—(Extra Early Prolific)—Under the former name best known, this Cucumber is, by Massachusetts gardeners, called Boston Pickling. It is immensely productive. Ours is the improved strain. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 20 cents; pound, 65 cents.

**Improved Long Green**—The leading variety of Long Green Cucumber, twelve to sixteen inches long; of excellent quality; dark green, firm and crisp. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 25 cents; pound, 75 cents.

## SWEET CORN.

If wanted to go at buyers' expense, 10 cents per quart may be deducted.

### EXTRA EARLY.

**Early Minnesota**—The standard early Sweet Corn. Eight-rowed ears, of good size, sweet and well flavored. Stalks grow about five feet high. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents.

**Perry's Hybrid**—As early as the Minnesota and ears much larger, each containing from twelve to fourteen rows of kernels, well filled to the end. The grains are very large and pure white, but the cob is red. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents.

**Stabler's Extra Early**—A new variety, of larger size than usual for the early kinds. It is remarkable for sweetness and earliness; a desirable canning variety. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents.

## GENERAL CROP.

**Stowell's Evergreen**—This variety is more largely planted than any other, being the general favorite with canners and market gardeners for late use. It is very productive, the ears are of large size, grains deep, exceptionally tender and sugary. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents.

**Mammoth Late**—This produces the largest ears of any, a single ear sometimes weighing as much as two to three pounds. It ripens a little later than the Evergreen, with larger cobs, the kernels being flatter, not horse-tooth shape. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents.

**Amber Cream**—This medium early Sweet Corn is a strong, vigorous grower; ears of large size (ten to fourteen inches long) with deep kernels; very rich, sugary and tender, and when fit for table use, handsome white. When dry, the kernels are of an amber color and much shriveled. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents.

**Improved ne Plus Ultra, or Country Gentleman**—The deep shoe-peg kernels are placed very irregularly but very compactly upon the cob. It is very prolific, and matures a little before Stowell's Evergreen, being sweeter and more sugary to the taste than that well-known standard of quality. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents.



## POP CORN.

**Queen's Golden**—The largest of all Pop Corns. The stalks bear two to three large ears each. It pops perfectly white and a single kernel will expand to nearly an inch in diameter. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 25 cents; quart, 40 cents.

**Mapleleaf Prolific**—The most productive Pop Corn, averaging eight to ten ears to the stalk. Ears uniformly large, kernels nearly clear white. Pops large and tender. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 25 cents; quart, 40 cents.

## CRESS.

**Fine Curled** (Pepper Grass.) Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 20 cents.

**Water Cress**—One of the most appetizing, delicious flavored of small salads; it does fairly well in every moist situation, but thrives best in shallow water on the edges of streams, where it grows most luxuriantly. It is a hardy perennial and increases in growth from year to year. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 45 cents; one-fourth pound, \$1.25.

## CABBAGE—Early Varieties.

**Early Jersey Wakefield**—It is very early, short stemmed; head cone shaped, broad at the bottom with blunt peak; leaves leathery, well folded over the top. A reliable header and most excellent in all good qualities. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents; one-fourth pound, 60 cents; pound, \$2.25.

**Early Summer**—This variety forms large, solid, round, flattened, compact heads, of excellent quality. Our seed is true and grown from selected heads. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents; one-fourth pound, 60 cents; pound, \$2.

**Allhead Early Cabbage**—Combines earliness, large size, uniformity, productiveness, superb quality, and general adaptability. Fully as good for early as Surehead is for late. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 30 cents; one-fourth pound, 85 cents; one-half pound, \$1.50; pound, \$2.50.

**All Seasons**—Almost as early as the Early Summer but is a larger heading variety and can be raised either for an early, intermediate, or late crop; the heads are large, very solid, of fine grain and remain perfect a long time without bursting. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 25 cents; one-fourth pound, 75 cents; pound, \$2.50.

## LATE VARIETIES.

**Superior Large Late Flat Dutch**—A low-growing variety; heads large, bluish-green, round, solid, broad and flat on top; of fine quality. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents; one-fourth pound, 60 cents; pound, \$1.75.

**Large Red Drumhead** (Improved Red Dutch)—Larger heads than the old Red Dutch; heads round, of deep color, and remarkably hard and solid. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents; one-fourth pound, 60 cents; pound, \$2.

**Surehead**—It heads uniformly, evenly and solidly, ranging from fifteen to twenty-five pounds each; it is of fine texture, a remarkable keeper. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 25 cents; one-fourth pound, 75 cents; pound, \$2.50.

## CARROTS.

**Oxheart**—Of very fine quality for table use. Where other sorts require digging, Oxheart can be easily pulled. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 25 cents; pound, 75 cents.

**Improved Danver's Half Long**—A first-class Carrot for all soils; the root is of a rich, dark orange color and grows very smooth and handsome; twenty to thirty tons per acre being no unusual crop. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 25 cents; pound, 75 cents.

**Improved Long Orange**—Standard sort, roots long, thickish near the crown, tapering regularly to a point; color deep orange, suitable for the table and main field crop. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 25 cents; pound, 75 cents.

## CELERY.

**White Plume**—One of the most beautiful of all, and the earliest. Brittle, fine grained, and the easiest known sort to blanch. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents.

**Golden Self-Blanching**—An exceedingly fine-flavored sort; blanches easily to a beautiful golden-yellow, and is very brittle and crisp; no garden complete without this sort. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents.

**Giant Pascal Celery**—The best for Winter use. The huge stalks of this kind will "snap" almost like glass, they are so tender, and they never are watery or strong; one of the very best for the home garden. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 25 cents; one-fourth pound, 75 cents.

**Boston Market**—A favorite variety; remarkable for its tender, crisp, succulent stems and mild flavor. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents; one-fourth pound, 60 cents.

**Celeriac, or Turnip-Rooted Celery**—(Apple shaped.) Grown exclusively for its roots, which are turnip-shaped, very smooth, tender, and marrow-like. The roots are cooked and sliced; used with vinegar, they make an excellent salad; they are also used for seasoning meats and to flavor soups. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents; one-fourth pound, 50 cents; pound, \$1.50.

## CAULIFLOWER.

**Early Snowball**—Exceedingly early and hardy and is one of the surest to make a solid, compact head; for these reasons it is growing also more and more in favor for planting for the late Summer and Fall crop. Packet, 20 cents; half ounce, \$2.50.

## ENDIVE.

**Green Curled**—Well known in fashionable restaurants under the name of Chicoree, and particularly fine served with lettuce with French dressing. Sow seed from middle of June to end of August. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents.

## EGG PLANT.

**New York Improved Large Purple**—Large size, skin deep purple, smooth, free of thorns; flesh white, of excellent quality; very productive. This is without exception the best egg plant in cultivation. Our seed is an extra selected strain of superb quality. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 40 cents; one-fourth pound, \$1.25.

## HERBS, POT OR SWEET.

Indispensable to the cook, useful in the sick room, and many kinds fine for perfuming clothing, etc. Per packet, 5 cents.

**Anise**—For flavoring.

**Balm**—Very fragrant leaves; medicinal.

**Caraway**—Seed extensively used for flavoring.

**Coriander**—Used for flavoring cakes, etc.

**Borage**—

**Dill**—Much used to impart a pleasant flavor to pickles.

**Hoarhound**—Very useful for curing coughs and colds.

**Lavender**—The fragrant leaves used to scent clothing.

**Sage**—The most useful of all and needed in every garden.

**Sweet Fennel**—

**Sweet Marjoram**—Pot herb.

**Tansy**—For medicinal use.

**Thyme**—

**Savory, Summer**—Fine for flavoring, dressing, etc.

**Rosemary**—Aromatic and medicinal. Very fragrant; also a moth preventive.

**Wormwood**—A splendid plant for poultry. Should be planted in all poultry yards.

## KOHL RABI.

**Extra Early Vienna**—In appearance half way between a Turnip and a Cabbage, with a turnip-like swelling of the stem above ground, which, while young and tender, has a delicious cauliflower-like flavor, very appetizing and pleasant. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 70 cents; pound, \$2.

## LETTUCE.

**California Cream Butter**—The heads are of good size, compact, very hard and solid, medium early; light green in color, marked with small brown spots; appearance most refreshing and quality very rich and buttery to the taste. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 20 cents; one-fourth pound, 60 cents; pound, \$2.

**Early Curled Simpson**—One of the earliest. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 30 cents; pound, \$1.

**Hard Head**—Undoubtedly the hardest heading of all Lettuces; grows rapidly and heads early; outer leaves brownish red, center golden-yellow to creamy-white; flavor sweet and buttery. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 25 cents; one-fourth pound, 70 cents; pound, \$2.25.

**Hanson's Improved Hard-Heading**—Grows to a large size; inside pure white, very solid, deliciously sweet, crisp, and tender even to the outer leaves. It stands the hot sun well; one of the very best. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents; one-fourth pound, 40 cents; pound, \$1.25.

**Grand Rapids**—Of superior quality and beautiful appearance; is a strong grower, free from rot, and keeps crisp and tender without wilting longer than any other forcing Lettuce. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents; one-fourth pound, 40 cents; pound, \$1.50.

## MUSTARD.

**White**—Best for salad and general use. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 15 cents; pound, 40 cents.

**Brown**—Stronger and more pungent than above. Price, same as White.

## MELON—MUSK OR CANTALOUPE.

**Early Netted Gem**—The Melons are almost globular, regularly ribbed and thickly netted, extremely early, very thick meat and of excellent flavor. They average in weight about one and a half pounds. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 25 cents; pound, 80 cents.

**Emerald Gem**—Medium sized, round, with salmon flesh rich, sweet and juicy; it is the sort of all others for the home garden. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; pound, \$1.

**Montreal Market Nutmeg**—A large Melon, nearly round, deeply ribbed; flesh remarkably thick, light green, of delicious flavor. The Melons grow to a very large size, often weighing 15 to 20 pounds. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 20 cents; pound, 70 cents.

**Perfection, or The Princess**—Nutmeg shape, and quite large size; the skin is of a dark-green color, heavily netted; the flesh is of a salmon color, of very rich, sweet flavor. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 25 cents; pound, 85 cents.

**Extra Early Hackensack**—Very early, fruit large, in shape a flat spheroid; skin netted; flesh green of the most delicious flavor. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; pound, \$1.

## MELON—WATER.

**Fordhook Early**—The earliest of all; the form is nearly round; the rind is tough, the flesh is bright red and very sweet. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents; pound, \$1.25.

**The Dixie Watermelon**—A new Watermelon of excellent merits; it is of very fine appearance, sweet, juicy and tender. Another very important point is its productiveness, having six to eight large melons on a vine; we have secured some of the genuine stock and can offer it at the following prices: Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 25 cents; pound, 75 cents.

**Seminole**—Extra early, enormously productive, very large and splendid flavor; the seed will often produce grey and green melons on one vine, but the number of the former predominates. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 25 cents; pound, 75 cents.



## WATERMELON—Continued.

**Kolb's Gem**—It is uniformly round and grows to a good size, often attaining a weight of 50 pounds. Its flesh is bright red and flavor excellent; rind dark green, striped and very tough; retains its freshness and sweetness for a long time. We can recommend it. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 30 cents; pound, 60 cents.

**Delaware**—Oblong in shape and uniform in size, the skin is beautifully striped dark and light green, the flesh is a brilliant red, and ripens within one-half to three-fourths of an inch; very solid, luscious and sugary. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; pound, \$1.

**Florida Favorite**—One of the finest table melons ever grown; medium size; colored with light and dark green stripes alternately; flesh deep red, delicious, sweet, very firm and crisp. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 20 cents; pound, 60 cents.

## ONIONS.

**Best Yellow Globe Danvers**—As is well known, this is the best all-round variety of Onion for general planting; get your seed from us, as none can be better. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents; one-fourth pound, 60 cents; pound, \$1.75.

**Large Red Wethersfield**—The best large Red Onion; skin deep purplish-red, flesh purplish-white, fine grained and high flavored. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents; one-fourth pound, 50 cents; pound, \$1.60.

**White Silverskin, or White Portugal**—Very desirable for family use; flavor mild and pleasant; skin silvery-white, of handsome appearance; highly esteemed for pickling when young, also for market in early Winter. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents; one-fourth pound, 75 cents; pound, \$2.40.

**Early Radish, or Barletta**—Small, flat and silver-skinned; mild in flavor; three weeks earlier than any other Onion, and grows very readily from seed. It is used largely for eating raw like a radish, yet when cooked it has the most delicate flavor of any onion. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 20 cents; one-fourth pound, 70 cents; pound, \$2.15.

**Mammoth Silver King**—This mammoth variety matures early, and is of uniformly large size and fine shape, being flattened, but thick. The skin is of a beautiful silver-white, flesh snowy and tender, of a mild, sweet flavor. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 20 cents; one-fourth pound, 65 cents; pound, \$2.25.

**The Genuine Prizetaker**—A new variety of finest flavor. The Prizetaker grows always to a perfect globe shape, with bright straw-colored skin; the necks are very small, and the onions always ripen up hard. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 20 cents; one-fourth pound, 60 cents; pound, \$2.

## PEPPER.

**Ruby King**—A king of beauty, indeed. Enormous fruits of a fiery, glowing, ruby red, but mild and pleasant in flavor. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 25 cents.

**Red Cluster**—The small, thin Peppers, of a most conspicuous coral-red color, are curiously crowded together in bunches at the top of each branch. Are very hot and pungent in flavor. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 35 cents; one-fourth pound, \$1.

**Cayenne**—Small, pungent. The Cayenne Pepper of Commerce. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 25 cents; one-fourth pound, 50 cents.

**Golden Dawn**—Quite sweet, without any fiery taste. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 25 cents; one-fourth pound, 75 cents.

## PEAS—Early Varieties.

**Best Extra Early**—None more luscious. It matures for table forty-five days from germination. Vine eighteen inches high. Sticks not necessary. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 25 cents; quart, 45 cents.

**American Wonder**—This distinct and fine flavored variety grows only eight to ten inches high, and is a few days earlier than any other wrinkled Pea. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 25 cents; quart, 45 cents.

**Abundance**—Large, fine flavor, very prolific. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 25 cents; quart, 40 cents.

**Heroine**—A medium early, green wrinkled variety. It grows very uniformly, about two and a half feet high, bearing a profusion of large, long-pointed pods, containing from eight to nine large peas of the finest quality. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 30 cents; quart, 50 cents.

## PEAS FOR GENERAL CROP.

**Telephone**—The vines often bear eighteen to twenty pods per stalk, each containing six or seven large Peas. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 25 cents; quart, 45 cents.

**Everbearing**—Late dwarf variety of robust growth, forming pods three to four inches long, containing six to eight large wrinkled Peas; rich and marrowy. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 25 cents; quart, 40 cents.

**Stratagem**—Vines of strong growth and need no support; remarkably free-bearing. Peas very large and fine flavored. Per packet, 10 cents; pint, 25 cents; quart, 45 cents.

**Champion of England**—The standard late variety for either market or private use. Per packet, 5 cents; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents.

## PARSNIP.

**Improved Guernsey**—This is the sweetest, finest-grained Parsnip grown, and a heavy cropper; smooth, thick roots, about twelve inches long. Very fine stewed, fried, etc. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 20 cents; pound, 50 cents.

**Improved Long Smooth Hollow Crown**—An old standard variety, of fine quality, with very long roots. Packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; pound, 45 cents.

## PARSLEY.

**Extra Curled Dwarf, or Emerald Parsley**—The moss-like leaves, of a handsome bright green color, are finely crimped and curled. For garnishing, no variety is more attractive. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 25 cents; pound, 85 cents.

## PUMPKIN.

**Quaker Pie**—Just what is wanted for a really good pie. Ripens early and keeps late. A prolific sort, of a light yellow shade. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 20 cents; one-fourth pound, 50 cents; pound, \$1.50.

**Sweet Potato**—Pear shaped pumpkin, creamy-white in color; size medium, flesh creamy-white, fine grained, thick, dry and brittle; flavor of the best; they keep sound until late in the Spring. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 30 cents; pound, \$1.

**Large Field**—Standard sort for field culture; can be grown with corn. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 15 cents; pound, 35 cents.

## RADISHES.

**French Breakfast**—Oval, scarlet, tipped with white, very crisp and tender. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 20 cents; pound, 60 cents.

**Early Long Scarlet Short Top**—Very early, tender, crisp and fine flavored. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 20 cents; pound, 55 cents.

**Long White Vienna, or Lady Finger**—Snow white, very brittle and crisp. Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 15 cents; one-fourth pound, 50 cents; pound, \$1.25.

**Improved Chartier or Shepherd**—Color scarlet at top, shading to pink at center, and white at tip. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 20 cents; pound, 60 cents.

**Winter Radishes, Mixed**—Seed for the best white, black, and rose-skinned varieties, which will produce all the best Radishes for Autumn and Winter use. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 25 cents; pound, 75 cents.

## RHUBARB—Pie Plant or Wine Plant.

**Myatt's Victoria**—Per packet, 10 cents; ounce, 20 cents; one-fourth pound, 50 cents; pound, \$1.75.

## SQUASH.

**Early White Bush**—Large size, scalloped like a patty-pan and bearing abundant crop. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 25 cents; pound, 75 cents.

**Golden Custard Bush**—Of similar size and shape to the White Bush, but of a rich golden-yellow color. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 25 cents; pound, 75 cents.

**Early Crookneck**—Orange-yellow, skin warty, of fine flavor and usually considered the best Summer Squash. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 25 cents; pound, 75 cents.

**Hubbard**—The standard Winter Squash. Of large size, flesh fine grained, dry and of excellent flavor. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 25 cents; pound, 75 cents.

**Pike's Peak, or Sibley**—Pale green, shell very hard and flinty, though thin; it ripens with the Hubbard, and is more prolific; a long keeper. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; one-fourth pound, 20 cents; pound, 70 cents.

## SPINACH.

**Thick-Leaved**—A fine, heavy, crumpled-leaved variety; stands a long time before going to seed. Per packet, 5 cents; ounce, 10 cents; pound, 35 cents.

## SALSIFY, or VEGETABLE OYSTER.

**Mammoth Sandwich Island**—Enormous size, twice the size of the ordinary pure white; tender, delicious. Packet, 5c.; oz. 20c.; one-fourth pound, 40c.; pound, \$1.25.

## TOMATOES.

**The Stone**—Large, bright scarlet; smooth; exceedingly solid, firm fleshed. Pkt. 10c.; oz. 30c.; 1-4 lb. 80c.; lb. \$3.

**Acme**—Ripens evenly; medium size, round, solid, pinkish color. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 20c.; one-fourth lb. 60c.; lb. \$2.

**Atlantic Prize, or Early Ruby**—Extra early, very productive. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 25c.; one-fourth lb. 75c.; lb. \$2.50.

**Mikado**—(Turner's Hybrid.) Large, smooth, solid; skin purplish red. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 25c.; one-fourth lb. 75c.

**Selected Trophy**—For size, smoothness, solidity and excellent flavor is unsurpassed. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 25c.; one-fourth lb. 80c.

**Dwarf Champion**—Dwarf, compact in growth; smooth and symmetrical in shape, ripening close around the stem. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 25c.; one-fourth lb. 75c.; lb. \$2.50.

## TURNIPS.

**Early Red, or Purple-Top Strap-Leaved**—Quick grower; flesh fine grain and sweet flavored. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; 1-4 lb. 20c.; lb. 55c.

**Red-Top White Globe**—Large size, rapid growth; globe-shaped, with red or purple top. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; one-fourth lb. 20c.; lb. 50c.

**Early White Flat Dutch, Strap-Leaved**—Clear white skin; flesh of juicy, mild flavor; excellent quality. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; one-fourth lb. 20c.; lb. 50c.

**Improved Purple Top Ruta Baga**—Best variety of Swedish Turnip; hardy, productive; flesh yellow, solid texture, sweet well flavored. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.; one-fourth lb. 20c.; lb. 50c.

## LAWN GRASS.

**Velvet Lawn Mixture**—The mixture we offer is one of the best in the market, and can be relied upon to produce the best results. One qt. sows 800 sq. ft. Qt. 25c., pk. \$1; bu. \$3.



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## Oderless Fertilizer for Pot Plants.

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